

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on June 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Julie AuBuchon

Dennis Winzenried

Shawn Mathenia

Dustin Krob – via conference call

Scott Novak, absent

Debi Mace, Bob Mace, Tim Donovan, Denny Bissell, Darlene Bissell, Rudy Armbulio, Devra Leach, Mandy Gray, Marilyn Atchison, Dennis Wiggins, Kerri Gillam, Eugene Thomas, Jason Chaplin, Luke Horning, Nathan Bower, Pat Gray, Cheyenne Beasley, Ann Roberts, Frank Dieducie, Jim Viebrock, and Marie Poremski

A prayer was said followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor officially opened the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENTATION BY THE FORSYTH ELKS CLUB

Several members of the Forsyth Elks Club were present to present the fire department and the police department with a check from the grant from the Elks and the money raised from the fundraiser held on June 7, 2025. The amount raised from the grant and fundraiser was \$13,396.23. Marilyn Atchison with the Forsyth Elks Club thanked everyone that helped with the fundraiser and gave donations. The money will be split between the fire department and the police department. The police chief and fire chief presented the Forsyth Elks Club with an appreciation plaque for all of the work on the fundraiser and the grant.

SIGNED – IN SPEAKERS

No one signed up to speak.

POLICE CHIEF UPDATE

Police Chief Pat Gray explained that the department has had 700 reports this month. The speed trailer has been on Skyline Drive and he will be getting a report ready for the next meeting on the speed limit changes on the streets. The speed trailer has also been on Hwy 160 by the White River Plaza and recorded 38,000 cars in a five-day period.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Public works director Luke Horning gave an update on the public works department. The department has a job opening and is taking applications. They have been working with the fire department on training on the repairs of the fire hydrants and training on routine testing and maintenance of the hydrants. Mulch has been spread around the playground at the Shoals Bend Park. The Scada system is coming along fine. Due to flooding at Shadowrock Park they have sealed the manholes and continue to monitor the lake level daily.

FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 580 – ALLOW FIRE DEPARTMENT TO INSPECT STRUCTURES EXCEPT SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia bill number 580 was placed on its first reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The first reading was approved with a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Will have the second and final reading at the board meeting in July.

FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 581 – REGULATING LIQUOR LICENSES

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia bill number 581 was placed on its first reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The first reading was approved with a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

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APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK – COMP TIME SECTION

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was approved to table this item until the full board is present. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE ENHANCED ENTERPRISE ZONE-BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS

On a motion by Shawn Mathenia and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to re-appoint Scott Novak, Sean Calhoun, and Ryan Sanders to the Enhanced Enterprise Zone board. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE SIDE BY SIDE BIDS

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that he received several bids for a side by side. The following bids were received: Crown Power & Equipment \$15,000.00, Bass Pro \$14,423.00, Tractor Supply \$8,499.99.

On a motion by Shawn Mathenia and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to accept the bid from Bass Pro Shops and purchase the side by side in the amount of \$14,423.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

This bid was approved due the side by side being better quality and parts are more available for this model, and it comes with a top and a wench, and it had better reviews.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Devra Leach with Connell insurance explained to the board that the insurance renewal is due July 1, 2025 and the increase for the renewal is \$5,430.00. On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was approved to accept the insurance renewal package in the amount of \$123, 418.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Finance officer Ann Roberts explained that will need to set a meeting to discuss the budget. The staff will have a staff meeting to discuss the budget next week.

DISCUSS EMPLOYEE EXTENDED SICK POOL POLICY

On a motion by Shawn Mathenia and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to table this item until all board members are present. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MINUTES – MAY 19, 2025 MEETINGS AND JUNE 2, 2025 MEETING

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia the minutes of the May 19, 2025 meetings and the June 2, 2025 meeting were approved as written. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF MAY 31, 2025

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia the financial statements were approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BILLS AND TRANSFERS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia the bills and transfers were approved. The following bills were approved for payment: May 19, 2025 for \$165,711.21, May 27, 2025 for \$17,202.39, June 2, 2025 for \$82,454.59, and June 10, 2025 for \$49,898.10. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

CONFIRM MONTHLY AUDIT REPORTING SHEET WAS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED

The mayor and board members present stated that they received and reviewed the audit sheet for May.

FIRE CHIEF UPDATE

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that the department has had 277 calls for service so far this year. They have completed 332 hours of training. Will be working on updating the policy for responding to calls. Have been working on repairing the fire hydrants and most of the hydrants have been repaired and are in working order. Will be working on a maintenance plan to check hydrants on a routine basis.

PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

Frank Diecedue has concerns about Arroya road this needs to be paved for safety reasons. It would be very difficult for an emergency vehicle to get down this road. He also would like the city to think about a storm water run-off program.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Cheyenne Beasley, City Clerk

Julie AuBuchon, Mayor

