

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on October 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Missi Hesketh
Dennis Winzenried
Shawn Mathenia
Dustin Krob
Scott Novak-absent

Cheyenne Beasley, Ann Roberts, Nathan Bower, Jim Viebrock, Pat Gary, Frank Diecidue, Scott Brasher, Patricia Brasher, Mike Chrisman, Carla Chrisman, Maddy Chrisman, Haylee Brasher, Kaylee Brasher, Baylee Brasher, Alexis Fahr, AJ Fahr, Scott Starrett, Devra Leach, Vicky Meier, Kay Friberg, Debi Mace, Bob Mace, Mandy Gray, and Tim Crawley.

The meeting was opened with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The mayor thanked the fire department and first responders for their hard work this weekend. The fire department had several calls this weekend, and they are appreciated for all they do.

SIGNED – IN SPEAKERS

Scott Starrett with Church 3:16 explained that the church would like to build onto the end of the building. Would like to request a utility easement variance. The set back is 15 feet from the water line. The building would be 8 feet from the water line.

The board would like more information from the engineer before a variance will be granted. The church to have more information for the next meeting in November. To be on the November 18, 2024 agenda for discussion and to consider granting a variance.

APPROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to accept the application from Kirk Standridge as member of the Forsyth fire department. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Chief Nathan Bower introduced Scott Brahser. Scott was hired as the assistant fire chief. He was presented with a badge and pins for the department.

The mayor introduced Ann Roberts. Ann is the new finance officer for the city.

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL – CONNELL INSURANCE

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was approved to accept the health insurance renewal from Anthem with a 11.5 percent increase. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE PUTTING USE TAX ON THE APRIL BALLOT

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was approved to put the use tax on the April 2025 ballot. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE BIDS FOR ROTARY CUTTER

City administrator Jim Viebrock explained that he received three bids for a rotary cutter. Darrell Harp Enterprises for \$1,400.00, S & H Farm Supply for \$1,795.00, and Heritage Tractor for \$3,900.00.

On a motion by Shawn Mathenia and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to accept the bid from S & H Farm Supply in the amount of \$1,795.00 due to Darrell Harp Enterprises having poor reviews and maybe unable to get parts for their equipment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE TO PURCHASE SALT SPREADER AND TRUCK BED FOR SPREADER

The board would like to have more bids for this purchase. To be on the next meeting agenda in November. City Administrator to get bids for the next meeting.

POLICE CHIEF UPDATE

Police Chief Pat Gray explained that the department has had an increase in juvenile calls. Will be covering at the school while the dare officer is out on medical leave. Still looking for qualified applicants.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

City Administrator Jim Viebrock explained that well 3 has been repaired after being struck by lightning. The roof has been put on the laboratory at the treatment plant. Have been working on checking the generators in town and working on a plan in case the power is out due to a storm.

The lobby window will be closed on November 5, 2024 for the election. The drive-up window will be open for utility payments. Would like to put together a contest for the best decorated house for Halloween and Christmas.

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 16, 2024, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024, AND OCTOBER 4, 2024

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia the minutes of September 16, 2024 and October 4, 2024 were approved as written. The minutes of September 23, 2024 were amended to add Ann Roberts to receive three weeks of vacation at date of hire. The minutes of September 23, 2024 were approved with the amendment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia the bills for September 19, 2024 for \$22,928.99, September 26, 2024 for \$31,256.75, October 3, 2024 for \$8,336.24, October 10, 2024 for \$55,570.56, and October 17, 2024 for \$8,512.06 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE TRANSFER FROM SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 THRU OCTOBER 17, 2024

On a motion by Shawn Mathenia and seconded by Dennis Winzenried the transfers from September 19, 2024 thru October 17, 2024 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia the financial statements as of September 30, 2024 were approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

The mayor announced that the Halloween parade is Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. Truck and treat and costume contest in the evening at White River Plaza parking lot.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Cheyenne Beasley, City Clerk

Missi Hesketh, Mayor