

The Forsyth Board Aldermen met in regular session on January 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Missi Hesketh
Dennis Winzenried
Scott Novak – via video call
Mark Moore
Dustin Krob

Mary Cummings, Steve Marler, Pat Gray, Nathan Bower, Cheyenne Beasley, Ron Adams, Frank Diecidue, Logan Fields, Julie AuBuchon, Dale AuBuchon, Ginger Michaud, Rebecca Perrault, Nicole Maez, Matt Bailey, Debi Mace, Bob Mace, Tim Church, Christine Roth, and David Veldman.

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

The Mayor thanked the public works department, police department, and fire department for doing a great job during the last winter storms we had.

PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

No comments from those present.

APPROVE ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS THRU 1-23-24 DUE TO CITY HALL CLOSED ON 1-22-24

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved accept the sealed bids thru 1-23-24 due to City Hall being closed on 1-22-24. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

OPEN AND ACCEPT SEALED BIDS FOR BUCKET TRUCK, CONCESSION TRAILER, PRINCESS BOUNCE HOUSE, AND SLIDE BOUNCE HOUSE

The city received three bids for the slide bounce house in the amounts of \$103.99, and two bids for \$200.00. The City received three bids for the princess bounce house in the amount of \$103.99 and two bids for \$200.00.

The City received four bids on the 1990 bucket truck in the amounts of \$675.00, \$2,085.00, \$800.00, and \$750.00

The City received three bids on the 1988 Wells Cargo Concession trailer in the amounts of \$3,000.00, \$1,113.00, and \$500.00.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob is was approved to accept the bid of \$200.00 for the slide bounce house, accept the \$200.00 bid for the princess bounce house,

accept the bid of \$2,085.00 for the 1990 bucket truck, and accept the \$3,000.00 bid for the 1988 Cargo Concession trailer. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PARK BOARD UPDATES AND CONCERNS

Nicole Maez with the park board addressed the board about the fair board lease and if there was an update on the situation. The Mayor suggested that the park board reach out to the fair board and have a meeting to discuss the issues, and let the Board of Alderman know the results of the meeting.

APPROVE TO OPEN A SPECIAL CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR A DOG PARK

The Mayor explained that Bailey Property Maintenance and Finish Line Performance and Service had a fundraiser in November to raise money for a dog park. The amount raised at the event was \$1,146.00. Would like to open a checking account to fund building a dog park. The funds would be specifically for building a dog park.

On a motion by Dennis and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to open a checking account for a dog park fund. The following names will be on the checking account: Mayor Missi Hesketh, President of the Board Dennis Winzenried, and City Clerk Cheyenne Beasley. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPOINT MEMBER TO THE AIRPORT BOARD

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to appoint Ron Adams to the Taney County Airport Board the meeting are the second Tuesdays of each month at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS PURCHASING SIGNAGE FOR STREET PARKING

The Mayor explained that in order to enforce no parking on the streets the city must have no parking signs in place. Parking on the streets is a problem for snow plows and emergency vehicles. The police chief and fire chief would like to visit with some of the neighborhoods about this problem and determine where the signs are needed and how many signs need to purchase. To have more information for the board at the meeting in February.

POLICE CHIEF UPDATE

Police Chief Pat Gray explained that the overall crime rate is down in the area. He will be going to Joplin for a hiring fair. Some departments have a program that the City would pay for the officers training and the officer sign a three year contract to work for the city.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to pay 1/3 of the tuition fee for three years. To pay 1/3 each year for three years. The officer must sign a three

year contract with the City. There will be \$15,000.00 limit to the overall tuition cost. Motion carried with all member present voting aye.

APPROVE TO PAY SOUTHWEST MO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SMCOG) YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEE OF \$1,250.00

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to pay the yearly membership for SMCOG in the amount of \$1,250.00 for the year 2024. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ACCEPT MFA FIRE GRANT AND APPROVE BIDS TO PURCHASE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to accept the MFA fire grant and approve bids for personal protective equipment at a later date. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND SET SUBMISSION DEADLINES FOR AUDIT SERVICES, BANKING SERVICES, AND TRASH/RECYCLE SERVICES

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved send out request for proposals for audit services, banking services, and trash/recycle services, and the submission deadline to be March 8, 2024. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE TRANSFER OF \$100,000.00 FROM MOSIP BACK TO RECREATION FUND

The board discussed the approval of the transfer. The transfer is needed due to a bill that will be need to be paid for the Gateway Trail project and need to transfer money into the recreation fund to pay the bill.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to transfer \$1000,000.00 from MOSIP back to the recreation fund. Motion carried with the following votes taken: Dennis Winzenried, aye, Dustin Krob, aye, Mark Moore, nay, Scott Novak, aye, and Mayor Hesketh, aye.

MINUTES – DECEMBER 18, 2023 MEETING

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob the minutes of the December 18, 2023 meeting were approved with the following change. Motion carried with all members present voting aye

Under item approve order for master plan for FOMO trail at Shoals Bend Park need add the following: Mayor reminded board that grants may not be applied for without a master plan. City Clerk will add this to the minutes of December 18, 2023.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Dustin Krob and seconded by Dennis Winzenried the bills for December 28, 2023 for \$44,359.27, January 4, 2024 for \$36,642.17, January 11, 2024 for \$47,562.43, and January 18, 2024 for \$27,336.68 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

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

APPROVE TRANSFERS FROM DECEMBER 21, 2023 THRU JANUARY 18, 2024

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak the transfers from December 21, 2023 thru January 18, 2024 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

CONFIRM MONTHLY AUDIT REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2023 THRU DECEMBER 2023 WAS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED

All members of the board and the mayor confirmed that they received and reviewed the monthly audit reporting sheet.

Dennis Winzenried explained that the city attorney Hank Griffin has resigned due to health issues. The city will be seeking applicants for an attorney and prosecutor.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Mark Moore the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Cheyenne Beasley, City Clerk

Missi Hesketh, Mayor