

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on November 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Missi Hesketh
Dennis Winzenried
Shawn Mathenia
Scott Novak
Dustin Krob

Cheyenne Beasley, Pat Gray, Nathan Bower, Vickie Meier, Ann Roberts, Julie AuBuchon, Jim Viebrock, Scott Starrett, Ruby Arambulo, Cheryl Adair, Will Mattegat, and David Veldman.

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

SIGNED – IN SPEAKERS

No one signed up to speak.

CHURCH 3:16 – SCOTT STARRETT – VARIANCE REQUEST

Scott Starrett with 3:16 Church is requesting a one-foot front, west property line setback to allow them to rebuild part of the church that was lost in a fire. This will allow the building to stay 7 feet from the waterline to the east which is 2 feet from the 5-foot easement.

The board was presented with five requirements that will be met by the church before a variance will be granted.

1. All unused meter pits behind the building shall be abandoned and removed.
2. The water service line for the front corner lot of 15521 US Hwy 160 shall be moved to go around the building. (stuff your face lot) (04-9.0-29-004-017-008.000)
3. All footings running in proximity to the 8" water main behind the building shall be at least 6" below the bottom pipe.
4. The minimum distance from finished building to the water line shall be no less than 7'.
5. Church 3:16 to issue a letter of understanding absolving the city from liability for future damages to the building due to repairs, maintenance of upgrades associated with this variance.

On a motion by Shawn Mathenia, it was approved to grant a one-foot front, west property line setback, and the church will meet the requirements stated above. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

POLICE CHIEF UPDATE

Police Chief Pat Gray informed the board that the police department has had 1,049 calls for service for the year. The department is seeing an increase in animal calls. The school is being covered by the county officers until Steve Huggins gets back on duty. Had a big turnout of kids for the Halloween trunk and treat held by the police department and fire department.

FINANCE OFFICER UPDATE

Finance officer Ann Roberts gave the board an update on the finance department. She has submitted the first request to Taney County for the SCADA payment. She will be monitoring the taxes as they come in over the next few months. Ann is also looking at some computer programs that might work better for the city.

Fire Chief Nathan Bower informed the board that assistant chief Scott Brasher is doing very well.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

City Administrator Jim Viebrock explained to the board that he is working on updating the city web page. The final approval for the funding for the SCADA system for the sewer lift stations is complete. The police and fire departments participated in an emergency management drill at the nursing home. This drill is designed to train emergency personnel in case of an emergency. The public works will be working this winter on upgrades to the park such as the drinking fountains. The tennis courts have been resurfaced, and the pickle ball nets will be ordered and installed soon.

APPROVE CLOTHING REIMBURSEMENT – PUBLIC WORKS

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was approved to allow the public works to purchase blue jeans up to \$100.00 motion carried with all members present voting aye. Would like to keep this practice in September of each year.

APPROVE TO ADD FINANCE OFFICER ANN ROBERTS TO THE BANK ACCOUNTS

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was approved to add finance officer Ann Roberts to the bank accounts and online banking at Branson Bank. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE BIDS FOR SALT SPREADER AND TRUCK BED TO SPREADER

City Administrator Jim Viebrock explained that he received two bids for the salt spreader and truck bed. Bus Andrews Truck Equipment for \$12,627.00 and Woody's Municipal Supply for \$13,502.00. On a motion by Shawn Mathenia and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to accept the bid from Bus Andrews in the amount of \$12,627.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE BIDS FOR PICKLE BALL NETS

City administrator Jim Viebrock explained that he received three bids for pickle ball nets. Practice Sports for \$499.00 each, Open Tip for \$630.32 each, and Net World Sports for \$609.99 each.

On a motion by Shawn Mathenia and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to accept the bid from Net World Sports and purchase 4 nets for \$609.99 each. The city approved the bid from Net World Sports due to the construction of the poles for the nets. The nets have square post that anchors the net to the ground. The nets from Net World Sports were made with better quality materials. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MINUTES – OCTOBER 21, 2024

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia the minutes of the October 21, 2024 meeting were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak the bills for October 24, 2024 for \$157,612.16, October 31, 2024 for \$22,352.78, November 7, 2024 for \$89,251.82, and November 14, 2024 for \$15,769.92 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE TRANSFERS FROM OCTOBER 24, 2024 THRU NOVEMBER 14, 2024

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia the transfers from October 24, 2024 thru November 14, 2024 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2024

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak the financial statements as of October 31, 2024 were approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 576 – APPROVE TO PUT USE TAX ON THE APRIL BALLOT

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia bill number 576 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 reading of bill number 576 at the December 16, 2024 board meeting.

The board set a work session on December 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the use tax.

PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

The mayor explained that will be working on the Christmas house decoration contest. Details on the contest will be coming soon.

Sign up for mayor and alderman position starts on December 10, 2024 and the last day is December 31, 2024.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to go into closed session under authority of section 610.021(1) – legal at 7:00 p.m. with a roll call vote of Dennis Winzenried, aye, Scott Novak, aye, Dustin Krob, aye, and Shawn Mathenia, aye.

CLOSED SESSION

The board discussed a legal issue. No votes were taken, and no decision were made.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was agreed to return to open session at 7:30 p.m. with a roll call vote of Dennis Winzenried, aye, Dustin Krob, aye, Scott Novak, aye, and Shawn Mathenia, aye.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The announcement was made that in closed session the board discussed a legal issue, and no votes were taken, and no decision were made.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Cheyenne Beasley, City Clerk

Missi Hesketh, Mayor