

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on June 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

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

Debi Mace, Bob Mace, Devra Leach, Christine Roth, Susan Marr, Rhonda Shelton, Donna Bullen, Jeff Bullen, David Jones, Michele Rackley, Steve Marler, Nathan Bower, Will Mattegat, Terri Smith, Cheyenne Beasley, Greg Martin, Carl Clements, Sarah Farmer, Shane Farmer, David Casaletto, Maria Porpmski, Rudy Armabulo, and Frank Diecidue.

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

SIGNED - IN SPEAKERS

No one signed up to speak.

CARL CLEMENTS – NEIGHBORHOOD CODE AND NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

Carl Clements explained to the board that he is having problems with his neighbor. Would like to know if anything can be done about these problems and is concerned about a decline in his property value.

INSURANCE RENEWAL PACKAGE – CONNELL INSURANCE – PROPERTY, LIABILITY, AND WORKERS COMPENSATION

Devra Leach with Connell Insurance explained to the board that the increase in the insurance is due to the weather events that have happened in the region and the work comp claims that the city has on file.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to accept the insurance package presented and stay with the current insurance companies. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS TERM LEASE OF LEASE WITH VERIZON – TOWER SITE BY SCHOOL

The board had discussion with Nicholas Politz with Verizon on speaker phone. He explained that the reason for the decrease in the rent amount is that Verizon is needing to move towers closer to Highway 160 due to there are more self driven cars and new FFA regulations.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was approved to set the rent amount at \$10,000.00 starting May 1, 2028 with a 10 percent increase every five years. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The City to compose a letter stating the offer above and send to Verizon for approval.

POLICE CHIEF UPDATE

Seargent Michele Rackley gave an update to the board. She explained that had two events this weekend and everything went smoothly with both events.

APPROVE THE CITY TO START BILLING TRASH FOR SHOALS BEND AND IF DEPOSIT WILL BE REQUIRED

The board had a discussion on billing for trash in the Shoals Bend area. Currently Republic Services bills for this area. The board would like the city to start billing this area and require a \$25.00 deposit for each residence. The first bill for this area will be sent out on August 30, 2024.

On a motion by Shawn Mathenia and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to have the city start billing for trash services in the Shoals Bend area and require a \$25.00 deposit for each residence with service. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS MERRIAM WOODS PROPOSAL FOR TEMPORARY BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Mayor of Merriam Woods explained that they need a temporary building inspector for a few hours a week until they can hire an inspector. The board felt this could be worked out between Merriam Woods and the city of Forsyth inspector and be handled on the inspectors own personal time.

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILL NUMBER 570 – FIREWORKS REGULATIONS

The city attorney is working on this ordinance and the board would like have an inspection fee included in the ordinance in the amount of \$45.00. The ordinance to be presented at a later meeting for the board to consider.

APPROVE TO PURCHASE CULVERT FOR HOBART

There is nothing to discuss on the item at this time.

APPROVE TO REMOVE SCOTT NOVAK FROM THE BIOSOLIDS BOARD AND APPOINT SHAWN MATHENIA TO THE BOARD

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and by Scott Novak it was approved to appoint Shawn Mathenia to the biosolids board and remove Scott Novak from the board. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE MINUTES – MAY 20, 2024 MEETING AND THE JUNE 10, 2024 ADA PRIORITIZATION PLANNING SESSION

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia the minutes of the May 20, 2024 and the June 10, 2024 meeting were approved as written. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia the bills to May 23, 2024 for \$142,953.00, May 30, 2024 for \$50,018.51, June 6, 2024 for \$23,662.54 and June 13, 2024 for \$23,121.55 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF MAY 31, 2024

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

TRANSFERS FROM MAY 23, 2024 THRU JUNE 13, 2024

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia the transfers from May 23, 2024 thru June 13, 2024 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

The Mayor informed everyone that the fence is down at the Shadowrock Lodge. The Mayor would like to have two water refill stations installed at Shadowrock Park and also enclose the current drinking fountain with brick to make it look nicer.

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to purchase two water refill stations for Shadowrock park one located at the playground bathroom and the other at the campground bathroom and to enclose the water fountain in the playground area with brick. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was approved to go into closed session under authority of section 610.021.3 personnel at 7:10 p.m. with a roll call vote of Scott Novak, aye, Shawn Mathenia, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye, and Dustin Krob, absent

CLOSED SESSION

The board discussed an employee personnel issue and the Mayor stated that if the city has work comp claim that the mayor and the board liaison for the department involved needs to made aware of the situation and the work comp claim.

There were no decisions made or votes taken on the personnel issue.

The board set a meeting for June 20, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the duties of the city administrator position.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was approved to return to open session at 8:00 p.m. with a roll call vote of Dennis Winzenried, aye, Scott Novak, aye, Shawn Mathenia, aye, and Dustin Krob, absent.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The announcement was made that in closed session the board discussed personnel issue and no decisions or votes were taken.

The board did set a meeting for Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the duties of the city administrator position.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Cheyenne Beasley, City Clerk

Missi Hesketh, Mayor