

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on September 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Missi Hesketh
Dennis Winzenried
Shawn Mathenia
Scott Novak – via video conference
Dustin Krob – absent

Julie AuBushon, Frank Diecidue, AJ Meakins, Cheyenne Beasley, Jim Viebrock, Nathan Bower, Pat Gray, Rudy Arambulo, Sherrie Veltkamp, Debbie Mace, Bob Mace, Will Mattegat, David Veldman, Ron Wyatt, Marsha Wyatt, and Bill Thibodeaux.

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

SHERRI VELTKAMP – DISCUSS BUILDING NEXT TO 16205 HWY 160

Sherrie Veltkamp and owners of the building next to 16205 highway 160 have concerns about the condition of the building next to theirs owned by Bill Thibodeaux. They are in the process of selling their building and the condition of the building next to them is causing the sale to be delayed. They would like a copy of the engineering report that was done on the building next to them a few years ago.

SIGNED-IN SPEAKERS

Bill Thibodeaux is the owner of the building next to 16205 highway 160. He stated that the building is in the same condition as the day he purchased it. He states that an engineering report was done on the building a few years ago. The mayor to set up a meeting with Mr. Thibodeaux to discuss the condition of the building.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF BILL NUMBER 575 – SHOALS BEND TRASH COLLECTION

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia bill number 575 was placed on its second and final reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The reading was approved with a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia and adopted as ordinance 575 with a roll call vote of Shawn Mathenia, aye, Scott Novak, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye and Dustin Krob, absent.

APPROVE TO MOVE 30 PERCENT BUILDING WILL'S WAGES TO FIRE DEPARTMENT AS PER THE BUDGET

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was approved to move 30 percent of building inspector Will Mattegat's wages to the fire department as per the budget. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

USE TAX DISCUSSION

The mayor would like the board to consider putting the use tax on the ballot in April. To discuss at the next board meeting when all board members are present.

APPROVE BIDS FOR ROOFING THE SEWER TREATMENT PLANT

The City Administrator informed the board that he received three Bids for roofing the treatment plant and outbuildings. Plumlee Construction for \$8,968.00, Findley Roofing for \$8,220.00, and General Construction for \$13,632.00. On a motion by Shawn Mathenia and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to accept the bid from Findley Roofing in the amount of \$8,220.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

POLICE CHIEF UPDATE

Police Chief Pat Gray informed the board that should have the body cameras working tomorrow. Have several special events coming up the end of the month. He has been looking into security options for special events. The security needs to be based on what type of event is being held. A rodeo or demolition derby that serves alcohol would need more security than a craft show. He will be working on the security plan for the special events and updating the special event application.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STUDY SESSION

City Administrator Jim Viebrock gave the board an update. Have been working on cleaning and inspecting the water towers. Will be working on mapping system for the water and sewer lines. The electrical part of the sewer lift station monitoring system is being installed. The flood damage at the treatment plant has been repaired. Will be working on an emergency plan in case of a power outage or storm.

ENHANCED ENTERPRISE ZONE – REAPPOINT RYAN SANDERS AND SEAN CALHOUN

On a motion by Dennis and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to reappoint Ryan Sanders and Sean Calhoun to the Enhanced Enterprise Zone. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 9-16-24 – APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SW MO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT N COUNCIL

On a motion by Dennis and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was approved to appoint City Administrator Jim Viebrock to the SW Missouri Solid Waste Management District N Council and appoint Dennis Winzenried as the alternate. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE TO CONTINUE THE LEASE FOR THE MINI X WITH BRANSON BANK

On a motion by Shawn Mathenia and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to continue the lease for the mini-X with Branson Bank. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS SEWER RATE INCREASE FOR THE TANEY COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

The Taney County Sewer District is currently paying at rate of 3.35 per thousand gallons treated for the city to treat the sewer from their lift stations. On a motion by Shawn Mathenia and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to increase the rate to 3.45 per thousand gallons treated. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS HALLOWEEN PARADE

Alderman Shawn Mathenia informed the board that he has spoken with the Chamber of Commerce and Integrity Heating and Air would like to take over the Halloween parade.

APPROVE MINUTES – AUGUST 19, 2024 MEETING

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia the minutes of the August 19, 2024 minutes were approved as written. Motion carried with all members present voted aye.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia the bills for August 22, 2024 for \$30,009.97, August 29, 2024 for \$59,271.17, September 5, 2024 for \$30,054.10, and September 12, 2024 for \$66,905.61 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2024

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

APPROVE TRANSFERS FROM AUGUST 22, 2024 THRU SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia the transfers from August 22, 2024 thru September 12, 2024 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

Dennis Winzenried informed everyone that the park board will have a meeting on September 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

On a motion by Dennis and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was approved to go into closed session under authority of section 610.021(1) Legal and section 610.021(3) personnel at 7:00 p.m. With a roll call vote of Dennis Winzenried, aye, Shawn Mathenia, aye, Scott Novak, aye, and Dustin Krob, absent.

CLOSED SESSION

The board discussed a legal issue, and no votes or decisions were made.

The city administrator presented the board with a corrective action for new employees concerning vacation time.

New hires will have 10 hours of vacation time on their start date and 10 additional hours each quarter until their anniversary date.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was approved to give new hires 10 hours of vacation time on their start date and 10 additional hours each quarter until their anniversary date.

Any employee with less than one full year's service that was employed on or before March 18, 2024 will be given 30 hours vacation time to balance out the rule that was passed by the board of alderman on that date.

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was approved to accept the corrective measure proposed by the city administrator. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Shawn Mathenia and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was agreed to return to open session at 7:55 p.m. with a roll call vote of Shawn Mathenia, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye, Scott Novak, aye, and Dustin Krob, absent.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Then announcement was made in open session that the board discussed a legal issue, and no decisions or votes were taken. The board did vote on a personnel issue as stated above. Concerning vacation time for new hires.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Cheyenne Beasley, City Clerk

Missi Hesketh, Mayor