

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on January 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Missi Hesketh  
Dennis Winzenried  
Shawn Mathenia  
Scott Novak  
Dustin Krob

Mandy Gray, Pat Gray, Mike Wyatt, Bob Mace, Debi Mace, Corey Smith, David Veldman, AJ Meakins, Nathan Bower, Jim Viebrock, Cheyenne Beasley, Ann Roberts, and Julie AuBuchon.

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

#### SIGNED – IN SPEAKERS

No one signed up to speak.

#### MIKE WYATT – STREET ISSUES

Mike Wyatt addressed the board about Jefferson Street on the corner near Rainey Street. This is a bad corner, and the street needs to be wider in this area. It is hard to pass a car especially with a truck pulling a trailer. The board will visit with the public works department on what can be done to widen this area.

#### FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 577 – AMEND ORDINANCE 575 TO INCLUDE A DEPOSIT FOR A TEMPORARY FIRE HYDRANT WATER METER RENTAL

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia bill number 577 was placed on its first reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The first reading was approved on a motion by Shawn Mathenia and seconded by Dennis Winzenried. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Will have the second reading at the February meeting.

#### APPOINT PARK BOARD MEMBER

The mayor explained that Nicole Maez has resigned from the park board. On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was approved to appoint Misty Sanders to the park board. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

## POLICE CHIEF UPDATE

Police Chief Pat Gray explained that the department responded to 1,673 calls in 2024. Had damage in the park this weekend and the case will be turned over to the prosecutor. Had a good turn out for coffee with the chiefs and had a good discussion with those that attended.

## FIRE CHIEF UPDATE

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that the department has 13 firefighters, 7 support members, and 2 junior firefighters at this time. They responded to 498 calls for service in 2024. The department is working on some grants, hosting training classes, fire hydrant maintenance program, and other projects. The decals have been put onto the new staff vehicle.

## CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

City Administrator Jim Viebrock explained that the public works department has installed new heaters in the restrooms at Shadow Rock Park. Public works will also be working on removing stumps in the park. The first lift station will be on the new monitoring system soon. Will be working on a fireworks display and a Christmas light display.

## MINUTES – DECEMBER 16, 2024 MEETING

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob the minutes of the December 16, 2024 meeting were approved. 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 December 19, 2024 for \$44,317.99, December 26, 2024 for \$3,585.40, January 2, 2025 for \$22,086.23, and January 9, 2025 for \$61,905.47 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

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

## APPROVE TRANSFERS FROM DECEMBER 19, 2024 THRU JANUARY 9, 2025

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia the transfers from December 19, 2024 thru January 9, 2025 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

## PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

A meeting on the use tax will be held on Monday January 27, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. This is a come and go meeting to address questions about the use tax that will be on the ballot in April.

On a motion by Shawn Mathenia and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to go into closed session at 6:50 p.m. under authority of section 610.021(1) legal and section 610.021(2) – real estate. With a roll call vote of Dennis Winzenried, aye, Dustin Krob, aye, Shawn Mathenia, aye, and Scott Novak, aye.

## CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Shawn Mathenia and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to authorize city administrator Jim Viebrock to enter into a real estate agreement for the purchase of a property. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

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

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was agreed to return to open session at 7:25 p.m. with a roll call vote of Scott Novak, aye, Shawn Mathenia, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye, and Dustin Krob, aye.

## RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The announcement was made that in closed session a motion was made by Shawn Mathenia and seconded by Dennis Winzenried to authorize city administrator Jim Viebrock to enter into a real estate agreement for the purchase of a property. Motion carried with all members present voting aye. A legal issue was discussed but no votes or decisions were made.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. motion carried with all members present voting aye.

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Cheyenne Beasley, City Clerk

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Missi Hesketh, Mayor

