

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

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

Nathan Bower, Mary Cummings, Bill Beltran, Steve Marler, Rudy Arambulo, Jennifer Fagan, Pat Gray, Max Murray, Frank Diecidue, Pat Gray, Cheyenne Beasley, Christine Roth, Ryan Sanders, Chris Snyder, Jason Fitzgerald, Dale Aubuchon, Shawn Mathenia, Debi Mace, Bob Mace, David Veldman, Rose Racklin, and Cory Ross.

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

FRANK DIECIDUE – PLANNING AND ZONING

Mr. Diecidue feels need to have planning and zoning in town. Would help make the town more appealing to people that want to come here.

BILL BELTRAN – HWY 76 GREEN BELT SIGNAGE

Mr. Beltran has concerns about the green belt area on highway 76 in the Corner Stone area. This area recently sold, and billboards are being put up. Has concern that if the city had planning and zoning regulations in place that may have more regulations on billboards and signage.

PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

Shawn Mathenia wanted to thank the public works department for all their work in Shadowrock Park. He is running for Aldermen Ward 1 and would appreciate being considered on the April 2, 2024 ballot.

Bob Mace explained that the city has a comprehensive plan in place that could be updated. They are gathering information to update the current plan. They will be looking at the survey and the video that were down for the current plan.

ACCEPT VERBAL RESIGNATION FROM PARK MEMBER DEBI MACE

On a motion by Dennis and seconded by Mark Moore it was approved to accept the verbal resignation from park board member Debi Mace. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

POLICE CHIEF UPDATE

Police Chief Pat Gray explained that the department has around 1,200 followers on social media. Officer Rockriver will be taking a different job at the end of the month but will be staying on with the department part-time.

DISCUSS SALE OF DODGE CHARGER

On a motion by Dennis and seconded by Mark Moore it was approved to sale the Dodge Charge police car by sealed bid. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE TO PURCHASE AND APPROVE BID FOR KEYLESS DOOR LOCK SYSTEM FOR BOTH BACK DOORS AT CITY HALL

Fire Chief Nathan Bower received three bids for the keyless door lock system. Commercial Door Hardware Supplies (keypad style) for \$1192.78 and Contract Tru Door (keypad style) for \$1,578.05 and Commercial Door Hardware Supplies (keypad style with proximity access) for \$2,414.08.

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to accept the bid from Commercial Door Hardware Supplies in the amount of \$1192.78. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

UPDATE ON FIRE ENGINE 2

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that it will be two weeks until the other engine is ready for service. Still need to re-install all of the equipment. Would like to sale engine 2 on gov.com. You are able to set a reserve on this site.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Mark Moore it was approved to sale fire engine 2 and the Dodge Charger police car on gov.com and set a reserve for both. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE TO HIRE SMCOG TO CREATE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Mayor explained that she would like to revisit the comprehensive plan and what fund will be used to pay for the plan. Also, look at the current plan and see how it can be updated.

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to table this item for two months and look into what needs to be done to update the current plan. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS AND ORDINANCE FOR REGULATIONS FOR THE GATEWAY TRAIL

The Mayor explained that the Gateway Trail is open and ready for everyone to enjoy. Need to set some regulations for the trail such as no motorized vehicles, hours the trail can be used, no littering, and keep dogs on a leash. The city attorney to draft and ordinance for the regulations and have the first reading at the April 15, 2024 meeting.

DISCUSS ALLOWING ALCOHOL TO BE SOLD AT EVENTS BY VENDORS OTHER THAN THE GROUPS THAT ARE ALLOWED TO SALE BY THE CURRENT ORDINANCE

The Board would like to consider allowing alcohol to be sold at events by outside vendors. The city attorney to draft and ordinance that would allow this and have the first reading at the April 15, 2024 meeting.

OPEN TRASH REMOVAL AND RECYCLING SERVICES, AUDIT SERVICES, AND BANK DEPOSITORY SERVICES – SET DATE TO AWARD TRASH BID

The city received four bids for trash and recycle services. GFL(WCA) cost for residential cart \$20.85 per month, Republic Services cost for residential cart \$14.88 per month, Cards cost for residential cart \$12.99 per month, and LRS cost for residential cart \$18.50 per month for residential cart.

The board will meet on April 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to award the trash and recycle bid.

The city received three bids for banking depository services. The bids were received from: Branson Bank, First Community Bank, and Southern Bank. The banking bid will be awarded at the April 15, 2024 board meeting.

The city received one bid for auditing services. The bid was received from KPM. The bid for auditing services will be awarded at the April 4, 2024 meeting.

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILL NUMBER 567 WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASE

The board has concern about the increase cost that is being charged for biosolids. The board would like to have the finance department run some numbers on the increase cost of biosolids and how it will reflect the sewer rate increase. To have the numbers at the next meeting for the board to review.

FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 569 – INCREASE CAMPING FEES AT SHADOWROCK PARK

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Mark Moore it was approved to place bill number 569 on its first reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to accept the first reading and approve to amend the bill as follows. Change A. to read \$30.00 per day and \$20.00 per day for persons over 60 years old, change B to read \$25.00 per day and \$20.00 per day for person over 60 years old, and change C to read \$15.00 per day. Motion carried with all members present voting aye. Will have second reading at the meeting on April 15, 2024 with the amended changes.

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 26, 2024 MEETING AND MARCH 4, 2024 MEETING

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob the minutes of the February 26, 2024 meeting and the March 4, 2024 meeting were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob the bills for February 15, 2024 for \$44,907.59, February 22, 2024 for \$42,535.38, February 29, 2024 for \$101,222.92, March 7, 2024 for \$7,411.07, March 14, 2024 for \$54,620.86. The bills were approved for payment with the following votes taken: Scott Novak voted aye to all bills except the bill for February 29, 2024 in the amount \$101,222.92 he voted nay, the following votes were taken: Dustin Krob, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye, and Mark Moore acknowledge he was present and abstained from voting, and Mayor Hesketh voting aye.

APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 2024

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob the financial statements as of February 29, 2024 were approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE TRANSFERS FROM FEBRUARY 15, 2024 THRU MARCH 14, 2024

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob the transfers from February 15, 2024 thru March 14, 2023 were approved with the following votes taken. Dennis Winzenried, aye, Dustin Krob, aye, Scott Novak, aye and Mark Moore, acknowledged he was present and abstained from voting.

CONFIRM MONTHLY AUDIT REPORTING SHEET FOR FEBRUARY 2024 WAS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED

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

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(3) personnel at 7:52 p.m. with a roll call vote of Dennis Winzenried, aye, Dustin Krob, aye, Scott Novak, aye, and Mark Moore, aye.

CLOSED SESSION

The board discussed personnel issue. No decisions were made and no votes were taken.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was agreed to return to open session at 8:35 p.m. with a roll call vote of Dustin Krob, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye, Mark Moore, aye, and Scott Novak, aye.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

An announcement was made that the board discussed personnel issue and no decisions were made and not votes were taken.

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Dennis Winzenried the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Cheyenne Beasley, City Clerk

Missi Hesketh, Mayor