

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday August 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Forsyth Municipal Building with the following present:

Mayor Eddie Coleman
Jack Baker
Brian Anton
Clint Hilliard
Cheryl Altis

City Clerk Cheyenne Beasley, Finance Officer Angela Leist, Frank Cottey, Dennis Treece, Phillip Hicks, John Whitley, Bill McCullah, Sam Clayton, Cliff Sain, Roger Ellis, Jann Clark, Nathan Bower, Jim Brooks, Sam Clayton, Sara Karnes, Larry Smith, and Chris Robertson.

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

Mayor Eddie Coleman explained to the board and those present that number 14 on the agenda would be moved to number 3 on the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING – TAX LEVY

Mayor Eddie Coleman opened the public hearing for the tax levy. The tax levy is set for .5357 for the 2015 tax year. No comments from anyone attending the meeting.

SET TAX LEVY - .5357

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to pass Resolution 08-17-15 establishing the tax levy of .5375 for the 2015 tax year. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

JOHN WHITLEY – HISTORICAL SOCIETY

John Whitley with the Historical Society explained to the board that the Historical Society would like to give the City a piece of property located on highway 160 next to First Community Bank.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to accept the property from the Historical Society and the city to pay all closing cost and City Attorney to prepare a deed and all necessary paper work. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILL NUMBER 494 – VACATING HILL CREST DR, AND CREATING, OPENING, AND RELOCATING SHORTY COOPER STREET, AS RENAMED

County Attorney Frank Cottey explained to the board that the county is in the process of refinancing the bonds for the judicial building, and portion of Hill Crest Drive needs to be vacated.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard bill number 494 was placed on its first reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Read by title only and approved on a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard bill number 494 was placed on its second and final reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Read by title only and approved on a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard and adopted as Ordinance number 494 with a roll call vote of Cheryl Altis, aye, Jack Baker, aye, Clint Hilliard, aye, and Brian Anton, aye.

MINUTES – JULY 20, 2015

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton the minutes for July 20, 2015 was approved as written. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard the budget amendment was approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE BUDGET 2016

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard the 2016 budget was approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard the bills for July 23, 2015 for \$1,463.63, July 30, 2015 for \$18,769.20, August 6, 2015 for \$34,151.93, August 13, 2015 for \$18,354.54, and August 20, 2015 for \$25,139.22 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF JULY 31, 2015

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Cheryl Altis the financial statements as of July 31, 2015 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM JULY 23, 2015 THRU AUGUST 13, 2015

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton the transfers from July 23, 2015 thru August 13, 2015 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE LOOKOUT ACRES PAYMENT - \$10,000.00

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to pay the Lookout Acres payment of \$10,000.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ACCEPT LETTER OF RESIGNATION - OFFICER HOLDREN

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to accept the letter of resignation from Officer Nathan Holdren. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER CONTRACT

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was agreed to approve the School Resource Officer Program Agreement with the Forsyth School. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BODY CAMERAS SOP

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to accept the Body Worn Camera SOP as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

POLICE DISPATCH AND OFFICER DISCUSSION

Police Chief Roger Ellis explained that the dispatcher position is still open. The department has interviewed for the police officer position. Chief Ellis would like to recommend hiring Phillip Hicks.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to hire Phillip Hicks as a police officer for \$12.00 an hour. Must pass drug test and background check before starting work. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TAKEN ON JULY 31, 2015 – AC REPLACEMENT AT CITY HALL

Jack Baker explained that had an AC unit go out at City Hall. Received four bids for all four units at City Hall. Allied Air for \$28,827.70, Curtis Bennett Heating & Air for \$22,706.48. Daryl's Htg & Air for \$19,995.00, and Industrial Air for \$23,360.00. A phone vote was taken on July 31, 2015 and agreed to replace all four AC units at City Hall due to the age of the units and one unit down and another unit about to go out. A phone vote was conducted on July 31, 2015 and approved to accept the bid from Industrial Air for \$23,360.00 with the following votes taken. Jack Baker, aye, Cheryl Altis, aye, Clint Hilliard, aye, and Brian Anton, aye.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on July 31, 2015 and accept the bid from Industrial Air for \$23,360.00, due the good experience have had in the past with the brand of unit installed by this company. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PARK BOARD – RE – APPOINT JACK HARRISON

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to re-appoint Jack Harrison to the Forsyth Park Advisory Board. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MODOT CONCURRENCE LETTER ON BRIDGE

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to have the Mayor sign the concurrence letter from MODOT on the new bridge. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

SIDEWALK UPDATE

The Mayor explained that a pre-construction meeting for the sidewalk was held on August 11, 2015. Work on the sidewalk is scheduled to begin on September 8, 2015 and be finished on November 6, 2015.

MISC BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Dennis Treece addressed the board about his property at 498 Chisholm Trail. He has concerns about the condition of his home and how the sale of his home was handled.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Cheyenne Beasley, City Clerk

Eddie Coleman, Mayor