

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday November 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Forsyth Municipal Building with the following present:

Mayor Eddie Coleman
Brian Anton
Cheryl Altis
Jack Baker
Clint Hilliard, absent

City Clerk Cheyenne Beasley, Finance Officer Angela Leist, Bill McCullah, Missi Hesketh, Lily Hesketh, Cole Hesketh, Sophie Hesketh, Cassie Fox, Brian Fox, Amanda Wis, Kasey Keel, Jeff Mills, Cody Mills, Travis McConnell, Travis Heier, Larry Smith, Roger Ellis, Ronny Marshal, Ben Baldrige, Jerry Lowe, Billy Murphy, Chris Scott, and Chad Swanson.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Ben Baldrige followed by the pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2015 BUILDING CODES AND FIRE CODES

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing on the 2015 International Building Codes and the 2015 International Fire Codes with no comments from the public.

FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 495 – ADOPTING 2015 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Jack Baker bill number 495 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 Brian Anton and seconded by Cheryl Altis with all members present voting aye.

Second and final reading to be on the next meeting agenda on December 21, 2015.

DISCUSS 2015 FIRE CODES

Mayor Coleman explained that will have the first reading for the bill on the 2015 Fire Codes at the next meeting on December 21, 2015.

SADDLE CLUB

The City and the Taney County Riding club have both signed the non-exclusive sublease of real property for the arena area in Shadowrock Park. Jerry Lowe with the riding club explained that they are ready to start working on building the arena.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to accept the contract as written and allow the Taney County Riding Club to begin working on the arena. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MISSI HESKETH – RECYCLE CONTAINERS FOR PARK

The Green Paws from the Forsyth School explained that they have received the recycle bins from the grant they received. Two bins for Shadowrock Park and one for Shoals Bend Park. The Public Works Department to empty the bins at the City Hall recycle area.

SIDEWALK PROJECT UPDATE – RONNY MARSHAL – SHULTZ SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING

Ronny Marshal with Shultz Surveying and Engineering explained that the sidewalk project is going well and should be finished next week weather permitting.

SIDEWALK PAY REQUEST - \$24,062.00

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to pay the sidewalk pay request for \$24,062.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TAKEN ON 10-27-15 – AWARD BID FOR TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT \$953,300.00

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on November 27, 2015 to award the bid for the treatment plant project for \$953,300.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

HDR NOTICE TO PROCEED – TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT – TRAVIS HEIER

Travis Heier with HDR explained to the board that a pre-construction meeting on the treatment plant project is scheduled for November 23, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Forsyth City Hall, and presented the board with a notice to proceed for the project.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to authorize the Mayor to sign the notice to proceed contingent on the approval of City Attorney Bill McCullah. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PAY REQUEST HDR TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT - \$8,400.00

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to pay the pay request to HDR for the treatment plant project in the amount of \$8,400.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

SEWER RATE INCREASE FOR TANEY COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

Finance Officer Angela Leist explained that they have reviewed the rates and have a proposed increase for the Taney County Sewer District. The current rate is 2.52 and the increase for 2016 would be 2.75.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to increase the rate to 2.75 and present the increase to the Taney County Sewer District. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

WATER/SEWER BOND INTEREST PAYMENT - \$22,485.00

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to pay the water/sewer bond interest payment for \$22,485.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

LOT SPLIT APPROVAL – 14663 HWY 160

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Brian Anton the lot split at 14663 Hwy 160 was approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

TWO FIRE FIGHTER APPLICATION APPROVALS

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to accept Cassie Fox and Mike Killman as fire fighters for the Forsyth Fire Department. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2015 AND MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2015

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton the minutes for the special meeting on September 25, 2015 and the meeting on October 19, 2015 were approved as written. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton the bills for October 22, 2015 for \$30,940.84, October 29, 2015 for \$17,815.33, November 5, 2015 for \$35,310.36, and November 12, 2015 for \$12,268.02 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2015

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Cheryl Altis the financial statements as of October 31, 2015 were approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM OCTOBER 22, 2015 THRU NOVEMBER 12, 2015

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton the transfers from October 22, 2015 thru November 12, 2015 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

911 DISPATCH AGREEMENT

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Brian Anton the Intergovernmental Agreement by the County of Taney and the City of Forsyth for 911 dispatch services was approved as written. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE ON 11-1-15 HIRE POLICE OFFICER CHRIS SCOTT

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on November 1, 2015 and hire Chris Scott as Police Officer for the Forsyth Police Department with a starting wage of \$12.00 per hour. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

CROSS WALK – HWY 160 BY CEDAR BRANCH REALTY

MODOT to come down and look at the crosswalk and determine if it can be moved down by the Busy Bear Day Care.

PARK BOARD UPDATE

Brian Anton explained that he has met with the Lions Club and they are interested in putting a playground at Shoals Bend Park. To be on the next meeting agenda on December 21, 2015 to discuss where the playground should be located.

Brian Anton explained that The Boys and Girls club would like to donate soccer and football goals and goal post to use at shoals Bend Park.

EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Brian Anton it was agreed to give the full time employees \$100.00 and the current volunteer firemen and police reserves with six months of service \$50.00 for holiday. This is part of the wage structure for employees and part of pay per call for firemen. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MISC BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Police Chief Roger Ellis introduced Chad Swanson to the board he is scheduled to graduate from the police academy on December 17, 2015. Would like permission to place him as a reserve officer that day pending graduation.

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to accept Chad Swanson as a reserve officer on December 17, 2015 pending graduation. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Police Chief Roger Ellis explained to the board that would like to annex Skyline Drive into the City. Attorney Bill McCullah to take care of this issue. To be on the next meeting agenda on December 21, 2015.

Brian Anton explained that a high school class would like to update the city website.

Mayor Coleman explained that after the Christmas parade on Saturday December 5, 2015 there will be a tree lighting at City Hall. Anyone can put decorations on the tree and at dark will light the tree.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.