

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday December 21, 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

City Clerk Cheyenne Beasley, Finance Officer Angela Leist, Bill McCullah, Roger Ellis, Jeff Merrell, Larry Smith, Nathan Bower, Travis Heier, Jann Clark, Rick Braschler, John Jensen, Chris Scott, and Billy Murphy.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION BY JEFF MERRELL – CHILD PROTECTION

Jeff Merrell informed the board that would like to start a child protection pilot program. Would like Forsyth to be the pilot community for this program. This program is to prevent child abuse in the community.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was agreed to have Forsyth serve as the pilot community for the pilot program for the child protection program and work with Jeff Merrell, Taney County Prosecutor on this program. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF BILL NUMBER 495 – ADOPTING 2015 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard bill number 495 was placed on its second and final reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Read by title and approved on a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker and adopted as Ordinance number 495 with a roll vote of Jack Baker, aye, Clint Hilliard, aye, Cheryl Altis, aye, and Brian Anton, aye.

FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 496 – ADOPTING 2015 FIRE CODES

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Jack Baker bill number 496 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 Clint Hilliard with all members present voting aye.

Second and final reading on next meeting agenda on January 11, 2016.

DATA TECHNOLOGIES SUPPORT RENEWAL

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to pay the license fee and support fee for Date Technologies, Inc. for year support for computer program in the amount of \$5,579.57. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

SIDEWALK PROJECT PAY REQUEST SSE

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to pay the pay request for the sidewalk project from Schultz Surveying and Engineering for \$3,840.63. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT PAY REQUEST

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to pay the pay request for the treatment plant project to HDR in the amount of \$14,392.50. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MINUTES – NOVEMBER 16, 2015

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Brian Anton the minutes of the November 16, 2015 meeting were approved as written. 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 November 19, 2015 for \$33,031.69, November 26, 2015 for \$19,340.53, December 3, 2015 for \$27,098.49, December 10, 2015 for \$22,715.64 and December 17, 2015 for \$4,767.59 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2015

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard the financial statements as of November 30, 2015 was approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM NOVEMBER 19, 2015 THRU DECEMBER 17, 2015

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker the transfers from November 19, 2015 thru December 17, 2015 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BARN BUILDING – FEMA AND INSURANCE DISCUSSION

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to file an insurance claim on the damage to the small barn in Shadowrock Park and move forward with FEMA. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BOARD MEETING DATES – JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to have the next board meeting on January 11, 2016 and the February meeting on February 22, 2016 due to holidays. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TAKEN ON NOVEMBER 18, 2015 – HIRE DISPATCHER

A phone vote was taken on November 18, 2015 to hire Ashley Hicks for the dispatcher position with a starting wage of \$10.75 per hour, and raise to \$11.50 per hour when training is complete. With the following votes Jack Baker, aye, Cheryl Altis, aye, Clint Hilliard, aye, and Brian Anton, aye.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on November 18, 2015 to hire Ashley Hicks for the dispatcher position. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TAKEN ON DECEMBER 7, 2015 – CHANGE ORDER SIDEWALK PROJECT

A phone vote was taken on December 7, 2015 to approve a change order for the sidewalk project. An extension of time was approved due to weather until December 19, 2015 and it was approved to seed and straw the areas along the sidewalk instead of using sod. With the following votes Cheryl Altis, aye, Brian Anton, aye, Clint Hilliard, aye, and Jack Baker, aye.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on December 7, 2015 on the sidewalk project. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BODY CAMERA DISCUSSION

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to purchase three body cameras from Prima Facie Body Camera for \$694.00 each with cords with a total of \$2,082.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PARK BOARD APPOINTMENT

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to appoint Stacey Braden as a member of the Forsyth Park Board. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PLAYGROUND DISCUSSION – SHOALS BEND PARK

Brian Anton explained that construction of the restroom/concession stand building at Shoals Bend Park has started, and would like to discuss the playground at Shoals Bend park at the next meeting on January 11, 2016.

APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE TO FIRE FIGHTER GRANT

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that would like to apply for the Assistance to Fire Fighter Grant for a ladder truck. The grant is a 5% match and the city portion would be \$30,000.00.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to have Fire Chief Nathan Bower apply for the Assistance to Fire Fighter Grant. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m. Motion carried with all member present voting aye.