

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday July 20, 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, Jack Halley, Tim Pierce, Larry Smith, Nathan Bower, Roger Ellis, Bill McCullah, Jonas Arjes, and Cliff Sain.

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

FREEDOM OF ROAD RIDERS

Tim Pierce with Freedom of Road Riders explained to the board that they would like to use the Shoals Bend park area for their bike show in September due to Shadowrock park being flooded.

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to allow the FORR to hold their bike show at the Shoals Bend Park area. The event will be held on September 20, 2015 or September 27, 2015. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MINUTES

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton the minutes for June 15, 2015 and July 6, 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 Clint Hilliard the bills for June 25, 2015 for \$20,699.55, July 2, 2015 for \$15,087.00, July 9, 2015 for \$41,925.90, July 16, 2015 for \$46,351.50 and July 23, 2015 for \$6,909.44 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2015

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

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM JUNE 18, 2015 THRU JULY 16, 2015

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker the transfers from June 18, 2015 thru July 16, 2015 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

JONAS ARJES – TANEY COUNTY PARTNERSHIP

Jonas Arjes with the Taney County Partnership gave the board an update. Would like to have a letter of support from the City of Forsyth on the Branson airport air service development program grant.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to have the Mayor sign a letter of support for the airport service development grant. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC WORKS – OUTSIDE SUPERVISOR DISCUSSION

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to promote Edmond Hall to the position of outside supervisor and a pay increase of \$1.00 to start at the new budget. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PARK BOARD APPOINTMENTS – UPDATE

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

SIDEWALK – CONCURRENCE LETTER APPROVAL

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to send the concurrence letter requested by MODOT on the sidewalk project. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

EEZ APOINTMENTS

Finance Officer Angela Leist explained that have an opening on the EEZ board. This board meets one time a year and the position would be for a five year term. Anyone interested in serving on the EEZ board can contact Angela at City Hall.

HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE RENEWALS

The new health insurance premium had an increase of 14.4% and the dental insurance had an increase of 5.9%. On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to accept the health and dental insurance renewals as presented. Motion carried with all member present voting aye.

BODY CAMERA DISCUSSION

Police Chief Roger Ellis explained to the board that he is looking at body cameras for the department. The department has tested several cameras for night vision and communications. Will bring a recommendation to the board after all camera options have been tested.

NEW POLICE PATROL CAR DISCUSSION

Chief Roger Ellis explained to the board that he would like to purchase a new patrol car for the department. A 2014 Dodge Charger from Lou Fusz Chrysler Dodge in O'Fallon, MO. This purchase is included in the new 2016 budget.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to purchase the 2014 Dodge Charger and to not spend more than the budgeted amount of \$33,000.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

CONSERVATION F900 TRUCK DISCUSSION

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that the fire department got the F900 truck from the conservation department and would be costly to put into service. Central Taney County Fire Department is interested in the truck. The conservation department has agreed to allow Forsyth Fire Department to transfer the truck to Central Taney County Fire Department.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to transfer the F900 truck to Central Taney County Fire Department. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FIRE STATION 2 LIVING QUARTERS UPDATE

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that the two occupants have given a 30 day notice. Their last day will be August 15, 2015. They will both remain on the fire department.

MISC BOARD OF ALDERMEN

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to place on the agenda the boat dock discussion due to letter received by Dave Farnham. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Mayor informed the board that included in the board packets is a letter from Dave Farnham concerning the boat dock property. The letter states that he relinquishes the property back to the City of Forsyth.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to accept the letter from Dave Farnham and accept the boat dock property back as City property. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.