

City of Forsyth
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Growth Plan

The Growth Plan committee unanimously approved the proposed Growth Plan at the committee meeting and public hearing held on Monday, November 14. The City council unanimously approved the Growth Plan at the City council meeting also held on Monday, November 14. The Growth Plan will be prepared for distribution and it will be made available to individuals that want a copy, a copy will be placed in the Rosebud County Library and a copy will be available at City Hall. If an individual has questions regarding the plan they can contact any of the Growth Plan Committee: Curt Gambill, Darrell Grogan, Rob Johnstone, Dennis Kopitzke, John Marks, Robert Martelle, Doris Pinkerton or Janet Stanhope.

**THE GROWTH PLAN HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE CHAMBER WEBSITE
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Capital Improvement Planning

As part of the growth plan process the City undertook Capital Improvement Planning in the spring of 2017. All department heads were surveyed and required to provide a list of their capital improvement needs for the next 5 years. The items were prioritized: #1 Immediate Needs, #2, Needs for the Near Future; #3, Long Term Needs. After department head and council review the council approved the following projects:

- Upgrade computer & control panel at water plant
- Replace current meter reader system
- Renovate/rebuild the bathroom at Riverside Park
- Camera video of culverts associated with dike improvements
- Riverside Park playground equipment
- Roof repairs at the pool
- Roof repairs at City Hall
- New front doors at City Hall

SWIF (System Wide Infrastructure Framework) – The City continues to work with the United States Corps of Engineers on maintenance plans for the dike. The dike has been surveyed. Property owners with items on the designated, surveyed “dike area” will be required to move all items. The City continues to remove brush and other vegetation from required areas. As the Corps provides more requirements to meet their standards the City will work with the Corps to make improvements to the dike.

UV System – The new UV disinfection system has been installed at the wastewater plant. The project is being paid for as part of the recently completed sewer line project. There will be no increase in sewer rates associated with this project.

Vacuum Truck – The City has received a \$110,000.00 grant from the Coal Board to help the City replace the 1982 model truck that is currently being used. Final bid openings took place at the November 14 City council meeting. Bids were received from Titan Machinery, Kois Brothers Equipment and Utility Specialists. The bid was awarded to Titan Machinery for approximately \$326,000.00 which included the trade-in of the old truck. The new truck will provide the most up-to-date technology and better allow the City to maintain and protect water and sewer lines. THE NEW VAC TRUCK HAS ARRIVED AND CAN BE VIEWED AT THE WATER PLANT.

Fire Truck – The City fire department has requested \$400,000.00 for a new fire truck. This budget year the City has placed \$200,000.00 in the capital improvement fund, a coal grant application for approximately \$150,000.00 will be pursued and the council will review options to come up with the remaining \$50,000.00.

City Code Review – The City council will continue its work of reviewing and revising the City's Code book. The council has reviewed Titles 1-6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14. Titles 7, 9, and 11 still need to be reviewed and revised as needed. Notice of Code review items are always appropriately posted at City Hall, the post office and courthouse.

Budget – The 2017-2018 budget process has begun. All budget meetings are open to the public. Meeting notices will be posted at city hall, in the post office, and at the courthouse. Budget meetings are scheduled for June 12 and June 26.

Weeds - With the spring and summer weather comes the issue of weed control. Community members and business owners are encouraged to cut weeds in accordance with City code. Notices have been posted in the Independent Press. The City will be cutting weeds during the week of June 5, prior to the Fair and prior to Labor Day.

City Council Meetings – Agendas for all City Council meetings and committee meetings are always posted at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Notices are always posted at City Hall, the post office and at the Rosebud County Courthouse. Community members are always welcome to attend meetings. The next City council meetings are scheduled for June 12, 7:00 PM, City Hall and June 26, 7:00 PM City Hall.