

**CITY OF FORYSTH  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2017  
STATE OF MONTANA**

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; officials in attendance were; Council Members Chris Purkett, Carole Raymond, Robert Martelle and John Hill, Clerk - Treasurer Doris Pinkerton, Attorney Jeff Weldon, Public Works Director Richard Thompson, Building Inspector Ron Ball, Pool Manager Jason Forberg, Under Sheriff Bruce Price. Not in attendance was Judge Gail Beckham and Water Wastewater Director Pat Zent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

None

**REVIEW – REVISE AGENDA**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Kopitzke presented the consent agenda for approval:

Council Member Martelle made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included claim numbers 19365 – 19413 in the amount of \$173,010.56; and check numbers 18300 - 18344 in the amount of \$228,939.57; for prior approved claims. The motion was seconded by Council Member Purkett. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

A discussion was held on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program report; and Front Street is scheduled in 2018.

**CITIZENS**

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Mr. Jim Atchison, Executive Director, of South Eastern Montana Development Corporation Membership:

Mr. Atchison provided an overview of the corporation's services, which included business, financial, community, and advocacy services. He was present to encourage the City Council to renew their annual membership. Since 2002 in Rosebud County, 170.5 jobs have been created and retained, seven (7) new businesses and expansions, since 2010 grant awards were \$1,605,244; total economic impact is \$190,596,754. Mayor Kopitzke said the membership amount is included in the preliminary budget, he thanked Mr. Atchison for attending.

Business License Iron Horse Property: Mayor Kopitzke reported that the owner of the Iron Horse has not renewed their license, license renew on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Attorney Weldon has sent a letter with a date of July 31<sup>st</sup>, before further action will be taken.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Levee Update: Mayor Kopitzke presented the levee update item; Public Works Director Richard Thompson provided an update, he said the System Wide Improvement Framework Plan is close to being finalized, he is going to meet with Mr. Carl Jackson, KLJ, once more prior to the final submission of the plan to the Corp of Engineers.

UV Update: Nothing new; the project is finished.

Fiscal Year 17-18 Budget: Mayor Kopitzke presented the budget, City Clerk Pinkerton provided a report, she said she is waiting for the taxable valuation from the Department of Revenue; and will have the final budget ready for council consideration on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Pool North Section of Roof Replacement or Repairs: Pool Manager Jason Forberg passed out a quote from Ackerman Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$11,268.82; at the last meeting. Mayor Kopitzke reported the State Inspector stopped and introduced himself, he said he would need plans to review for the permit.

Council Member Martelle made a motion to approve the quote from Ackerman Construction, the motion was seconded by Council Member Raymond. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion passed 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution no. 2017-R02 – Cola for Employees – Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017:

Mayor Kopitzke read Resolution No. 2017-R02; the Resolution provides for a Cost of Living increase of 3%; and noted the Union Contract will be opened for negotiation this year.

Council Member Martelle made a motion to approve the Resolution; the motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion passed 4-0.

**Trailer Removal Quote:**

Mayor Kopitzke reported he has asked for quotes from several different contractors to remove the mobile home at 170 South 11<sup>th</sup>, the city has permission from the property owner. He received one (1) quote back from Mr. Cody Tadsen in the amount of \$4,000.00. This will return on the August 14<sup>th</sup> agenda for council consideration.

**REPORTS**

Mayor Kopitzke presented his report; he provided an updated vehicle and weed list; he also reported Cody Tadsen has volunteered to remove the old playground equipment. He also reported the Coal Board meeting is scheduled on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, due by August 8<sup>th</sup>. City Clerk Pinkerton said she has contacted Mr. Scott Klein for information and help on the application for a new Fire Truck. Mr. Atchison said there may be a need to conduct a public hearing; to allow the public to comment concerning the environmental review; this could be done at the next council meeting. Other departments providing reports were City Clerk - Treasurer Doris Pinkerton, Public Works Director Richard Thompson, Building Inspector Ron Ball, Pool Manager Jason Forberg, and Under Sheriff Bruce Price. Public Works Director Thompson said he had been contacted by the State concerning the machine to reheat millings, the State would like to trade painting of the stripes on Main Street for the machine. Attorney Weldon will review the surplus property code.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS: None**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Public Comment:** Mayor Kopitzke asked for public comment after each topic, and those comments are recorded as part of the official minutes.

**Agenda Items for the Next Meeting:** Levee, Budget, Mobile Home Removal, Surplus Property

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Kopitzke adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

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Mayor Dennis Kopitzke

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City Clerk Doris Pinkerton