

CITY OF FORSYTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF November 21, 2022
STATE OF MONTANA

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; officials in attendance were; Council Members Ethan Bell, Doug Roberts, Chris Purkett and Carole Raymond, City Clerk/ Treasurer Sandra Donley, Water/ Wastewater Director Andrew Sullivan, Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Blake and Undersheriff Scott McDermott. Excused from attending were Public Works Director Richard Thompson, Pool Manager Jason Forberg and Attorney Jeff Weldon.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Kopitzke asked if there was anyone present from the public that wish to comment on items not on the agenda. There will be no discussion of personnel. The Council will take no formal action at this point in the agenda. No comments were heard.

PUBLIC HEARING(S): None

REVIEW – REVISE AGENDA: Agenda items added were, V-C-5 Rebranding Survey, VII-B-1 Parade Permit and Street Closure and IX-A-5 Zoning Officer (12-1-8).

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Kopitzke presented the consent agenda for approval:

Council Member Roberts made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included claim numbers 22620-22679 in the amount of \$110,429.73 and check numbers 21402–21465 in the amount of \$104,430.86 for prior approved claims. The motion to approve the consent agenda was seconded by Council Member Bell. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

City Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Donley, Water/Wastewater Director Andrew Sullivan, Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Blake and Undersheriff Scott McDermott gave verbal reports, along with written. Public Works Director Richard Thompson and Pool Manager Jason Forberg had written reports included in the packet.

CITIZENS:

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Mayor Kopitzke presented the Chamber of Commerce's parade and street closure permits for parade of lights on November 25, 2022. Council Member Purkett made a motion to approve the permits, Council Member Raymond seconded the motion. City Clerk Donley called roll; motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Levee (Dike) Update: Mayor Kopitzke reported the levee project is moving forward, but nothing new to report.

Windfarm-Impact Funds: Mayor Kopitzke reported Public Works Director Richard Thompson is still waiting on bids for sidewalks. Mayor Kopitzke also reported he has been working with Chad Hanson from Great West Engineering on a grant available to the City of Forsyth. The City would have to front a \$5,000.00 charge to prepare the application, but the money would be reimbursed to the City of Forsyth even if they were not awarded the grant.

Council Member Roberts made a motion to use windfarm impact funds for the \$5,000.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bell. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

Water Project Update: Andy's written and verbal report touched on numerous items of the project and he reported he was up to questions if anyone had any.

Riverview Villa Lease: Mayor Kopitzke reported the Villa Board was not wanting to change the 25 year term of the lease. After discussion the council decided not to take a vote on monetary forgiveness until after more discussion with the Villa Board as a group.

Change Alley to a Lane and Name: Discussion was had on how much of the alley was needing to be changed. It was decided the alley that is behind 124 W Cedar to 176 W Cedar would be changed to Juniper Lane.

Council Member Purkett made a motion to change the alley of W Cedar to a lane and name it Juniper Lane.

Council Member Raymond seconded the motion. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

Tree Inventory-Lydia Hesser: Lydia spoke about the state sight and how it worked. Lydia will check with DNRC on Riverview Villa and whether they will pay to have the trees there added to the inventory.

NEW BUSINESS:

Conex Bins-Changing from Variance to Conditional Use: Discussion was had and the council will move forward with changing the Conex Bin ordinance from variance to conditional use.

Chicken Ordinance: Due to citizen interest the council discussed the topic of allowing chickens within city limits that had been previously tabled. Due to the amount of time that had passed on the topic, discussion can be reopened. The council will move forward with a new chicken ordinance.

Weed Ordinance: Council will move forward on changing the ordinance from public works to a council designee.

Marijuana Ordinance: Attorney Weldon is working on a new ordinance to follow the citizen's vote at the November 8, 2022 elections.

Zoning Officer (12-1-8): There was council discussion on the committee and what members are still able to serve. The City of Forsyth will advertise for interested citizens to serve on the zoning committee starting January 1, 2023.

REPORTS:

City Judge Egeland had a report and Council Member Raymond presented a written report for the Riverview Villa Board.

Mayor: Mayor Kopitzke presented his report and asked if there was any questions.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: December 19, 2022 at 7 p.m.

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

Agenda Items for the Next Meeting: Riverview Villa Lease, Windfarm-Impact Funds, Water Project Update, Levee Update and Code changes.

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Kopitzke adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke

City Clerk Sandra Donley