

CITY OF FORSYTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF December 13, 2021
STATE OF MONTANA

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m., officials in attendance were; Council Members Carole Raymond, John Hill and Ethan Bell, City Clerk – Treasurer Sandra Donley, Water Wastewater Director Andrew Sullivan, Public Works Director Richard Thompson and Undersheriff Scott McDermott. Excused from attending was Council Member Chris Purkett, 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.

Mr. John Williams- Colstrip's Mayor stated his appreciation to the City of Forsyth and Forsyth Public works department for the use of our garbage truck.

Mr. Pat Campbell-Colstrip's Assistant Public Works Supervisor thanked Richard Thompson, the Public Works Department and the City of Forsyth for the use of our garbage truck.

Undersheriff Scott McDermott introduced Deputy Dylan Plympton. Mr. Plympton talked a little about his background and what brought him to his position.

Mr. Jeffrey Morrison spoke asking for reconsideration on the annexation of his property at 701 Willow Street.

Ms. Pat Stokke asked where the council member lines were and what council members were in each ward.

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

Growth Plan: Mayor Kopitzke asked for comments on the public hearing. With no comment, the public hearing was closed.

REVIEW – REVISE AGENDA: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Kopitzke presented the consent agenda for approval:

Council Member Raymond made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included claim numbers 22033- 22073 in the amount of \$184,008.31 and check numbers 20870 – 20882 in the amount of \$24,807.27 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 3-0.

CITIZENS:

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

OLD BUSINESS

Levee (Dike) Update: Chad Hanson with Great West Engineering spoke on matching grants available for the approximately \$4,000,000.00 project and the options to obtain the grants.

Marijuana Code: This item will remain pending.

Storage/Shipping Containers (Conex Bins): Water/Waste Water Director Andy Sullivan presented a survey and asked for any questions or changes. The survey is for City of Forsyth Residents to give their thoughts on shipping containers in city limits.

Building Inspector: Mayor Kopitzke stated he had spoken to Jason Ackerman and that Jason's intention are to complete the Building Inspector test by the end of 2021. Mayor Kopitzke has also been in contact with the State of Montana.

Growth Plan Consideration and Adoption: Council Member Raymond made a motion to adopt the growth plan, Council Member Bell seconded the motion. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorization for Chlorination System Purchase: Mayor Kopitzke stated the cost was within his approval limits, but wanted to allow the council members to look it over. The purchase was approved.

SEMDC and Clearwater Energy, MOU, Matching Grants: Council Member Bell made a motion to approve the agreement, Council Member Raymond seconded the motion. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS: Mayor Kopitzke presented his report and asked that the Committee of the Whole meet on January 10, 2022 after the regular council meeting. Other reports were provided by Public Works Director Thompson, Water/Waste Water Director Andrew Sullivan, Pool Manager Jason Forberg and Undersheriff Scott McDermott. City Clerk Donley presented a verbal report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 10, 2022

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: Committee assignments and Marijuana Code

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Kopitzke adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke

City Clerk Sandra Donley