

**CITY OF FORSYTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF June 10, 2024
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, Sam Beyl and Chris Purkett, City Clerk/ Treasurer Sandra Donley, Public Works Director Richard Thompson and Water/ Wastewater Director -Code Enforcement Officer Taylor Hallman. Excused from attending were Pool Manager Jason Forberg, Undersheriff Scott McDermott and Attorney Jeff Weldon.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING(S): None

REVIEW – REVISE AGENDA: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Kopitzke presented the consent agenda for approval:

Council Member Purkett made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included claim numbers 23616- 23650 in the amount of \$159,670.90 and check numbers 22316--22342 in the amount of \$32,126.68 for prior approved claims. The motion to approve the consent agenda was seconded by Council Member Roberts. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

CITIZENS:

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1. Mayor Kopitzke presented an Open Container Permit from Ms. Lynde Friez/Forsyth Youth Council for Riverside Park July 6, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Council Member Purkett made a motion to approve the permit, the motion was seconded by Council Member Bell. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: City Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Donley, Public Works Director Richard Thompson and Water/Wastewater Director/ Code Enforcement Officer Taylor Hallman gave verbal and written reports. Pool Manager Jason Forberg had a written report included in the packet.

City Clerk/Treasurer: City Clerk Donley reported she is waiting on the May payment for taxes from Rosebud County to move forward with the proposed increase in the garbage charges.

Water/Wastewater: Water/Wastewater Director Hallman asked for approval to hire 120 Water for \$5,900.00 to do the lead and copper report that DEQ is requiring. Discussion was had on the report and what access the city would have to the information in the report.

Council Member Bell made a motion to hire the company to do the report as long as the city had access to the information through DEQ, the motion was seconded by Council Member Purkett. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

Discussion on an increase in the cost of bulk water was had. Water/Wastewater Director Hallman will look at numbers and bring something back to council to move forward with the increase.

OLD BUSINESS:

Levee (Dike) Update: Richard got information sent to Great West.

Windfarm-Impact Funds: Discussion was had on the sidewalk issue at the Rusty Dog and what should be done moving forward. The council would like a second opinion on the issue.

Water Project Update: Mayor Kopitzke presented information from Ryan Scanlan/Interstate Engineering concerning the Oak Street project. Discussion was had on the project issues and the options on moving forward. Council Member Bell made a motion to approve the payment to Western Municipal for \$61,755.86, the motion was seconded by Council Member Beyl. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

Front Street Project: Discussion was had concerning the trees on Main Street and whether the trench being used in the project would damage the trees. It was decided the city would ask Lydia Hesser to look at the trees and move forward from there.

Union Negotiations: City Clerk Donley reported a negotiations meeting had been set for June 14, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Code Changes: Council Member Purkett reported he is still working on the code changes.

Building Inspector Position: Mayor Kopitzke reported the position is being advertised.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fiscal Year 24-25 Budget: Nothing new to report.

REPORTS:

City Judge Egeland had a report included in the packet.

City Council: Council Member Bell reported

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

City Attorney: None

COUNCIL COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 24, 2024 at 7:00 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: Union Negotiations, Windfarm-Impact Funds, Water Project Update, Levee Update, Code Changes

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Kopitzke adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke

City Clerk Sandra Donley