

CITY OF FORSYTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 28, 2021
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, Ethan Bell and John Hill. City Clerk – Treasurer Sandra Donley, Public Works Director Richard Thompson and Pool Manager Jason Forberg. Excused from attending was Acting Water Wastewater Director Jesse Coate, Building Inspector Ron Ball, Under Sheriff Bruce Price 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. Travis Conrad was present and inquired if there are any city rules or regulations for using a wood fired smoker at a commercial business. He was advised to check with City Building Inspector Ron Ball and also check with the State of Montana.

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

Fiscal Year 21-22 Preliminary Budget – Mayor Kopitzke opened the public hearing; asked for comments for the preliminary budget; hearing no comments he closed the hearing at 7:06 p.m., noting this is an agenda item for council consideration later on the agenda.

REVIEW – REVISE AGENDA:

Agenda Item VIII-B: Open Container Permit for Mr. Tom Queen of the Lariat Bar for July 4, 2021 was added. Mayor Kopitzke also added he received Council Member Bell made a motion to approve, Council Member Purkett seconded the motion. City Clerk Donley called roll; motion passed 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Kopitzke presented the consent agenda for approval:

Council Member Bell made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included claim numbers 21755-21772 in the amount of \$123,815.51 and check numbers 20582-20619 in the amount of \$61,735.89 for prior approved claims, seconded by Council Member Purkett. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

CITIZENS

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

OLD BUSINESS

Levee (Dike) None

Building Inspection Position: None

Adopting FY 21-22 Preliminary Budget:

Council Member Purkett made a motion to adopt the preliminary budget, Council Member Raymond seconded the motion. City Clerk Donley called roll; motion passed 4-0.

Union Contract Negotiations: Mayor Kopitzke reported that the contract was voted down and negotiations will be revisited.

Speed Limit Change: Mayor Kopitzke reported that he had invited Sheriff Fulton and Undersheriff Price to the meeting, but has received no comments from them. Attorney Weldon has not sent any correspondence on this matter.

Corner Pins for City Blocks: Waiting on pricing.

Job Descriptions: Mayor Kopitzke went over the changes in job descriptions.

Council Member Purkett made a motion to accept the job descriptions with changes, Council Member Bell seconded the motion. City Clerk Donley called roll; motion passed 4-0.

Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority: Mayor Kopitzke reported that Rosebud County Commissioners have agreed to join.

Water Intake Update: Mayor Kopitzke reported Interstate Engineering sent an agreement for services regarding ARPA and Grant Applications.

Council Member Raymond made a motion to move forward with services agreement, Council Member Purkett seconded the motion. City Clerk Donley called roll; motion passed 4-0.

Pool Boiler and Control Project: Pool Manager Jason Forberg reported they are still working on removing the old boiler.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Andrew Sullivan as Water/Wastewater Director:

Council Member Raymond made a motion to approve Andrew Sullivan as Director, Council Member Purkett seconded the motion. City Clerk Donley called roll; motion passed 4-0.

Open Container Permit for Mr. Tom Queen of Lariat Bar for July 4, 2021:

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

REPORTS:

COUNCIL COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS:

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 12, 2021

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: Engineering and ARPA, Speed Limit Change and Corner Pins for City Blocks

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Kopitzke adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke

Clerk Treasurer Sandra Donley

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
City Council Chambers, City Hall
June 28 2021
6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Dennis Koptizke
Council Member Ethan Bell
Council Member Carole Raymond
Public Works Director Richard Thompson
Council Member John Hill
Council Member Chris Purkett
Pool Manager Jason Forberg
City Clerk Treasurer Sandy Donley

The committee met to review the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 21-22.

City Clerk Donley provided preliminary budget books; which included a revenues to expenditure comparison with cash remaining in each fund. Year-end transfers will effect some funds and most of the revenues are set the same as last year until more information is received. The public hearing is scheduled for the June 28, 2021 Council Meeting so the preliminary budget can be adopted and the city may receive revenues and pay expenditures.

Expenditures:

There was a change in insurance and wage numbers for City Hall.

Revenues:

Gas Tax has decreased

ARPA was added

Lights #1 to remain the same for this budget

Mayor Koptizke discussed using Special Projects Funds for the paving of South 16th and South 2nd.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

City Clerk Sandra Donley

Mayor Dennis Koptizke