

**CITY OF FORSYTH  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 14, 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, Ethan Bell and John Hill, City Clerk – Treasurer Sandra Donley, Public Works Director Richard Thompson and Pool Manager Jason Forberg. Excused from attending was City Council Member Carole Raymond, Water Wastewater Director Pat Zent, 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. There were no comments.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):** None

**REVIEW – REVISE AGENDA:**

**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 21697-21754 in the amount of \$112,246.96 and check numbers 20542-20581 in the amount of \$62,717.31 for prior approved claims, seconded by Council Member Bell. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

**CITIZENS**

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Mayor Kopitzke presented Mr. Scott Klein's– Open Container Permit for July 24, 2021, Danae Pinkerton's-Open Container Permit for July 24, 2021 and Betty Howe's-Open Container Permit for July 23, 2021.

Council Member Purkett made a motion to approve all three permits requested, the motion was seconded by Council Member Bell, City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Levee (Dike) Update: Richard Thompson reported the City received the engineering survey report.

Building Inspection Position: Mayor Kopitzke reported Jason Ackerman is working towards getting certified.

Union Contract Negotiations: Mr. Bob Martelle gave a run through of the 3 year Union Contract that will be voted on Thursday June 17, 2021. Bob requested that the council approve the contract upon approval of Union Members.

Council Member Purkett made a motion to approve the contract, the motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

Water Intake Update: Mayor Kopitzke reported that we are still working with Interstate Engineering on the PER. Interstate Engineering is looking into funding for the project and will be getting back to the City.

Pool Boiler and Control Project: Pool Manager Jason Forberg reported the project is moving ahead, the concrete work is done and the old boilers will be taken out soon.

Fiscal Year 21-22 Budget: Committee of the Whole went through expenditures and will meet again on June 28, 2021 at 6p.m. to go over revenues and any other questions. Preliminary Budget is set to be approved June 28, 2021.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Job Descriptions: Mayor Kopitzke went over the changes in job descriptions. The descriptions will be revisited on June 28, 2021.

Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority: Mayor Kopitzke reported that more Montana Counties have signed on. Project looks to be moving forward.

Pat Zent's Resignation:

Council Member Purkett made a motion to approve the resignation, the motion was seconded by Council Member Bell. City Clerk Donley called roll; motions carried 3-0.

Appointment of Jesse Coate as Interim Water/Wastewater Director:

Council Member Purkett made a motion to approve Jesse Coate as interim Director, Council Member Bell seconded the motion. City Clerk Donley called roll; motion passed 3-0.

Water/Wastewater Director position to be opened and advertised, closing June 24, 2021

Mayor's Activity Report: Mayor Kopitzke provided a summary of activity ranging January 2021 to present.

Speed Limit Change for West Main: Revisit after conversation with the Sheriff's Office and research.

Corner pins for City Blocks: Richard Thompson will gather more information and topic will be revisited at a later date.

**REPORTS:** Judge's Report included a summary of situations that have come through City Court from January 2020 to January 2021. Mayor Kopitzke presented his report and stated he's stayed busy with virtual meetings. Other reports were provided by City Clerk/Treasurer Donley; which included that partial ARPA funding was received. Public Works Director Thompson; which included that his department is working to finish alley work and getting city parks caught up. Pool Manager Jason Forberg; included the pool has been busy and there are a couple new pool hires. Water/Wastewater Director Pat Zent and Judge Elaine Egeland also presented reports.

#### **COUNCIL COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS:**

A City Council committee meeting will be scheduled for 6:00 p.m. June 28, 2021 to continue discussing the new fiscal year budget

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** June 28, 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:** Adopting Preliminary Budget, Job Descriptions, Water/Wastewater Director Position, ARPA & Intake Project.

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Kopitzke adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

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Mayor Dennis Kopitzke

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Clerk Treasurer Sandra Donley