

**CITY OF FORSYTH  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2020  
STATE OF MONTANA**

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; officials in attendance were; Council Members Ethan Bell, Carole Raymond, and John Hill, City Clerk – Treasurer Doris Pinkerton, Public Works Director Richard Thompson, Water Wastewater Director Pat Zent, Pool Manager Jason Forberg. Not in attendance, was Council Member Purkett, 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)**

**Ordinance No. 2020-01** – Amending Low Density Residential District Zoning and Medium Density Residential District Zoning side setback from ten (10) feet to five (5) feet and permitted lot coverage from 30/70 to 50/50.

Mayor Kopitzke opened the public hearing for the proposed amendments, asking for comments at 7:02; hearing no comments he closed the hearing, noting the second reading is on the agenda later in the meeting.

**Fiscal Year 20-21 Preliminary Budget** – Mayor Kopitzke opened the public hearing; asked for comments for the preliminary budget; hearing no comments he closed the hearing at 7:03 p.m., noting this is an agenda item for council consideration later on the agenda.

**REVIEW – REVISE AGENDA:** None

**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 21173- 21185 in the amount of \$154,338.34 and check numbers 20028 – 20057 in the amount of \$17,695.19 for prior approved claims. The motion to approve the consent agenda was seconded by Council Member Hill. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

**CITIZENS**

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Robert and Darcie Racki – Boundary Line Petition Request:

Mayor Kopitzke moved this agenda item after public comment, as Mr. and Mrs. Racki joined the meeting by telephone call. Mr. and Mrs. Racki explained they are asking the City Council to consider moving a boundary line from their adjacent property so they can sell the houses to two (2) different people. The reason for the boundary line change is to provide access to 701 Willow Street. The boundary line relocation would only impact the property owned by them, Robert J and Darcie Racki.

Council Member Raymond made a motion to approve the request, the motion was seconded by Council Member Bell. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Levee (Dike) Update:** Mayor Kopitzke inquired of Public Works Director Richard Thompson if he had anything new to report. Richard said with the approval of the engineering agreement with KLJ Engineering for survey work, (riprap size, type and quantity) they indicated they will start in the fall during low water.

**Code Enforcement:** Mayor Kopitzke said the code enforcement position was discussed earlier in the budget committee meeting.

**Adopt Fiscal Year 20-21 Preliminary Budget:** Mayor Kopitzke presented the preliminary budget, noting this is not adoption of the final budget, which if approved would allow the city to receive revenues and pay expenses. The final budget will not be adopted until the second meeting in August.

Council Member Raymond made a motion to approve the preliminary budget, the motion was seconded by Council Member Bell. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

**Ordinance No. 2020-01 Amends Titles 11-1-1 and 1-3-3, 12-3-4, 12-2-12 – Second Reading:**

Mayor Kopitzke presented the second reading of the Ordinance; if approved would change side setbacks from ten(10) feet to five(5) feet in Resident 1 and Residential 2 Districts, and change occupied lot coverage from the 30/70 to 50/50, meaning fifty percent free and fifty percent occupied. Council Member Bell has questions on how this would affect a corner lot. Building Inspector Ron Ball was not in attendance, so the hearing will be continued until the July 13<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

**REPORTS:** Mayor Kopitzke presented his report. Other reports were provided by City Clerk/Treasurer Doris Pinkerton, Public Works Director Richard Thompson, Water Wastewater Director Zent, and Pool Manager Jason Forberg.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS:**

The Police Commission has scheduled a meeting on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** July 13, 2020

**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:** Returning to the Agenda is Levee, Code Enforcement, Budget and Ordinance No. 2020-01.

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Kopitzke adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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Mayor Dennis Kopitzke

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City Clerk Doris Pinkerton