

CITY OF FORSYTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF November 8, 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, John Hill and Ethan Bell, City Clerk – Treasurer Sandra Donley, Water Wastewater Director Andrew Sullivan and Pool Manager Jason Forberg, Attorney Jeff Weldon and Attorney Lynsey Ross. Excused from attending was Public Works Director Richard Thompson, Building Inspector and Sheriff Allen Fulton

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. Marty Mendenhall spoke concerning his property in Central Business District that had burned and what he was going to be able to put there to live in. Mayor Kopitzke suggest Mr. Mendenhall bring in a plan so his options would be more clear.

Mr. Jim Atchinson thanked the council for their support of SEMDC and provided Mayor Kopitzke a plaque and poster of the Forsyth Area. He also spoke the town hall meeting (CEDS – Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) to be held Tuesday November 16, 2021 at Forsyth City Hall.

Mr. Matthew Potts spoke regarding the denied request for rezoning the Wells Fargo Building on North 9th Ave.

PUBLIC HEARING(S):
Annexation of 701 Willow:

Mr. Jeffrey Morrison, Mr. Rick Morrison and Mr. Clay Blackwell spoke opposing the annexation.

Council Member Purkett stated that the annexation of 701 Willow is part of many changes in the City of Forsyth that are being addressed.

REVIEW – REVISE AGENDA: Samantha Beyl with the Class of 2022 parent group's request for permission was added under VIII-B.

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 21979- 22020 in the amount of \$72,007.01 and check numbers 20823 – 20833 in the amount of \$19,192.73 for prior approved claims. The motion to approve the consent agenda was 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) Update: Mayor Kopitzke stated the most recent levee report is available for review.

Annexation-Willow and North 7th Ave: Jeffrey and Natalie Morrison wrote a joint letter of landowner protest to the City of Forsyth. Jeffrey Morrison wrote an addition letter of protest. Paula and Louie Hegel both spoke opposing the annexation. Mayor Kopitzke asked for a motion to approve Resolution No.2021-R14- Annexing the Wholly Surrounded Real Property known as 701 Willow Street.

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

Request for Qualification Agreement with Great West Engineering: Mayor Kopitzke asked for a motion to approve the agreement.

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

Ordinance No.2021-04 Firearms and Weapons: Mayor Kopitzke presented the first reading of the Ordinance.

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

Marijuana Code: After discussion this item will remain pending.

Storage/Shipping Containers (Conex Bins): Mayor Kopitzke presented the first reading of the Ordinance.

Council Member Bell made a motion to approve the first reading. After discussion Council Member Bell withdrew his motion.

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

Video System-City Hall: A proposal and quote from Systems Northwest was presented to the council. After looking over the proposal and discussion, the mayor asked for motion to move forward.

Council Member Bell made a motion to hire Systems Northwest, the motion was seconded by Council Member Raymond, City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hard Drives Invoice: The durapatch invoice in the amount of \$25,500.00 was presented.

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

Samantha Beyl with the Class of 2022 parent group's request: The group would like permission to paint sidewalks as a fundraiser. The Council unanimously agreed.

REPORTS: Mayor Kopitzke presented his report. Other reports were provided by City Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Donley, Andrew Sullivan and Pool Manager Jason Forberg.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 22, 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: Second reading Ordinance No.2021-04, Storage/Shipping Containers and Marijuana Code

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Kopitzke adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke

City Clerk Sandra Donley