

**CITY OF FORSYTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2019
STATE OF MONTANA**

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.; officials in attendance were; Council Members Carole Raymond, Robert Martelle, and John Hill, Clerk – Treasurer Doris Pinkerton, Public Works Director Richard Thompson, Water Wastewater Director Pat Zent, Building Inspector Ron Ball, Pool Manager Jason Forberg, Attorney Jeff Weldon and Attorney Kristine White. Council Member Hill arrived at 7:15 p.m. Unable to attend was Council Member Chris Purkett.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING(S): None

REVIEW – REVISE AGENDA – Mayor Kopitzke asked that the open container permits for the Lariat Bar be placed under agenda item, Citizens, New Business. He also moved on with agenda items that did not require council member action until Council Member Hill arrived at the meeting.

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 20450 - 20489 in the amount of \$34,303.69; and check numbers 19330 – 19372 in the amount of \$51,281.15 for prior approved claims. The motion was seconded by Council Member Martelle.
City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

CITIZENS

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Open Container permits request from Lariat Bar: Mayor Kopitzke presented the open container permit applications from the Lariat Bar. Mr. Tom Queen of the Lariat was present, two (2) permits were presented, one (1) on May 4th from 4:00 p.m. to 1:45 A.M. for a dart tournament, and the other for May 25th from 5:00 p.m. to 1:45 a.m. and May 26th beginning at 5:00 p.m. to 1:45 a.m. for live music.

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

Mr. Queen said he appreciated the City Council supporting his business and he hopes to bring people to Forsyth.

OLD BUSINESS

Levee (Dike) Update: Public Works Director Richard Thompson reported he has been in contact with Mr. Carl Jackson, he said the final System Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) Plan has been accepted by the Corp of Engineers, a copy of the report will be sent to the city. Richard noted that the SWIF will be reviewed yearly and updated as needed.

Civil Penalties Code Enforcement: Mayor Kopitzke reported he has received the forms.

Elected Officials Training – Bozeman – May 7-9, 2019: Mayor Kopitzke noted the Elected Officials Training will be held at the Gran Tree in Bozeman in conjunction with the Clerks/Treasurers Institute training. City Clerk Pinkerton said registration closes on April 24, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2019- R02 – Requests Distribution of Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Funds: Mayor Kopitzke read Resolution No. 2019 – R02; the resolution if approved is a request for distribution of the funds for street maintenance from the Montana Department of Transportation and will provide authorization to Doris Pinkerton, Clerk/Treasurer to execute the necessary documents.

Council Member Martelle made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-R02, the motion was seconded by Council Member Raymond. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

Chemical Purchase Request – Water Wastewater Director Pat Zent: Mayor Kopitzke presented Water Wastewater Director Zent's request to purchase chemical for the water plant in the amount of \$9,600.00.

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

Council Ward Divisions: Mayor Kopitzke noted that Council Member Purkett had inquired about information on doing away with the east and west ward division. City Clerk Pinkerton had copied information from the City of Forsyth Charter and Montana Code Annotated. This will be a return agenda item, as Council Member Purkett was not in attendance.

Code Review Title 5 and Title 12: Mayor Kopitzke said he wanted to review Title 5 and Title 12 as they relate to junk and abandon vehicles. A discussion followed on how to proceed.

REPORTS: Mayor Kopitzke presented his report, other reports were provided by Judge Gail Beckham, Attorney Weldon, City Clerk/Treasurer Pinkerton, Public Works Director Thompson, Water Wastewater Director Zent, Building Inspector Ball, Pool Manager Forberg, and Under Sheriff Bruce Price.

Attorney Weldon said that there is a need to make changes to the current prosecution attorney contract with Attorney White. Judge Murnion has advised the city and county enter into a memorandum of understanding for prosecution services provided by Attorney White. Attorney White is agreeable to continue under this structure, providing an estimated cost of \$1,400.00 a month payable to Rosebud County. Attorney Weldon will provide a new agreement, which will terminate the old, effective May 1st.

City Clerk/Treasurer Pinkerton noted this was the first meeting that the packet was scanned in and emailed to those who wanted it. It seemed to work well.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS: The Police Commission committee would like to schedule a meeting with Sheriff Fulton to review and discuss the new code changes.

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 20, 2019

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, Civil Penalty Code.

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Kopitzke adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke

City Clerk Doris Pinkerton