

**CITY OF FORSYTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2018
STATE OF MONTANA**

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.; officials in attendance were; Council Members Chris Purkett, Carole Raymond, Robert Martelle, and John Hill, Clerk – Treasurer Doris Pinkerton, Building Inspector Ron Ball and Pool Manager Jason Forberg. Not in attendance was Public Works Director Richard Thompson, Water – Wastewater Director Pat Zent, Under Sheriff Bruce Price, Attorney Jeff Weldon, and City Judge Gail Beckham.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

PUBLIC HEARING(S) – None

REVIEW – REVISE AGENDA - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Kopitzke presented the consent agenda for approval:

Council Member Martelle made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included claim numbers 20157 - 20196 in the amount of \$28,630.57; and check numbers 19054 – 19089 in the amount of \$41,695.06 for prior approved claims. The motion was seconded by Council Member Raymond. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

CITIZENS - Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Ms. Heather Grimm, DVM - Consider a Veterinary Clinic on 109 N. 1st Ave.: Mayor Kopitzke presented information on a preliminary conditional use application; Ms. Grimm is considering purchasing the building owned by Mr. Schmidt on 109 N. 1st Avenue for a veterinary clinic. The information has not gone before the zoning commission or through the publication process or been reviewed by Attorney Weldon. Ms. Grimm is willing to meet with the council to address any concerns. The council expressed code compliance concerns, property line setbacks, and are interested in Attorney Weldon's review. Attorney Weldon will be contacted, and if needed the City Council is willing to hold a special meeting to meet with Ms. Grimm.

OLD BUSINESS

Levee (Dike) Update: None

Civil Penalties Update: Mayor Kopitzke reported that Attorney Weldon continues to work on the code revision and should have the second reading ready for the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Works Bobcat Purchase: Mayor Kopitzke explained Public Works Director Richard Thompson has discussed and saved for the purchase of a new S595 Bobcat Skid Steer Loader. He has solicited quotes and would like to purchase the skid steer from Bobcat of Miles City in the amount of \$32,886.45.

Council Member Raymond made a motion to purchase the bobcat in the amount of \$32,886.45, the motion was seconded by Council Member Martelle. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

Attorney White – Contract Renewal: Mayor Kopitzke presented Prosecuting Attorney Kristine White's contract renewal, the agreement would remain the same, the agreement renewing for a two (2) year term, December 1, 2018 through November 30, 2020. Mayor Kopitzke noted that Attorney White and Attorney Weldon's contracts renew at different times and different lengths, he felt it would be better to have them renew at the same time and for the same length. He presented Attorney White's, contract for renewal.

Council Member Martelle made a motion to approve Attorney White's contract, the motion was seconded by Council Member Purkett. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

Attorney Weldon – Contract Renewal: Mayor Kopitzke presented Attorney Jeff Weldon's contract for renewal; a two (2) year term, December 1, 2018 through November 30, 2020.

Council Member Raymond made a motion to approve Attorney Weldon's contract, the motion was seconded by Council Member Purkett. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

Tree Board Committee Appointment – Mrs. Sharon Wetsch: Mayor Kopitzke recommended that Mrs. Sharon Wetsch be appointed to the Tree Board.

Council Member Martelle made a motion to approve Mayor Kopitzke's recommendation, the motion was seconded by Council Member Purkett. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS: Mayor Kopitzke presented his report, other departments reporting were City Judge Beckham, City Clerk Pinkerton, Building Inspector Ball, and Pool Manager Forberg.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 19, 2018

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, Ms. Grimm – Veterinary Clinic, new to the agenda will be consideration for an ordinance for restricting parking at the Middle School for the daycare.

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Kopitzke adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke

City Clerk Doris Pinkerton