

**CITY OF FORSYTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF July 15, 2024
STATE OF MONTANA**

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; officials in attendance were; Council Members Doug Roberts, Ethan Bell, Sam Beyl and Chris Purkett, City Clerk/ Treasurer Sandra Donley and Water/ Wastewater Director -Code Enforcement Officer Taylor Hallman. Excused from attending were Public Works Director Richard Thompson, Pool Manager Jason Forberg, Undersheriff Scott McDermott and Attorney Jeff Weldon.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING(S): None

REVIEW – REVISE AGENDA: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Kopitzke presented the consent agenda for approval:

Council Member Roberts made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included claim numbers 23674- 23729 in the amount of \$141,371.65 and check numbers 22372–22402 in the amount of \$875,559.53 for prior approved claims. The motion to approve the consent agenda was seconded by Council Member Beyl. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

CITIZENS:

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1. Open Container Permit from Mr. Beau Steinberger/Class of 2004 for July 20, 2024 from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. (midnight) for the blocked off area in front of the Lariat Bar.

2 a and b. Open Container and Street Closure Permits from Mrs. Brenda Clifford for a block party on the 400 block of North 7th Avenue. The date and time of the permits - August 3, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

3. Open Container Permit for Ms. Amber Giesick/Class of 2014 for July 20, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a Class Reunion at Marcyes Park.

4. Open Container Permit from Mrs. Diane Wyrick/The Goddesses for Riverside Park July 30, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Council Member Purkett made a motion to approve all five (5) permits presented on the agenda, the motion was seconded by Council Member Beyl. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: City Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Donley and Water/Wastewater Director/ Code Enforcement Officer Taylor Hallman gave verbal and written reports. Public Works Director Richard Thompson and Pool Manager Jason Forberg had a written report included in the packet.

City Clerk/Treasurer: City Clerk Donley asked for direction from the council on the garbage increase. Council directed to move forward with the public hearing process and resolution for a \$40.00 per year garbage increase. City Clerk Donley also reported she had been working with Water/Wastewater Director Hallman concerning the water/wastewater increase. After discussion it was decided that rural water should be contacted and the city would move forward with their help.

Water/Wastewater: Water/Wastewater Director Hallman spoke concerning a bulk water increase and how MCA would need to be followed. Discussion was had and Director Hallman will move forward with figuring final numbers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Levee (Dike) Update: Mayor Kopitzke reported DES and FEMA would be at City Hall July 30, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. to review the BRIC and FEMA grants.

Windfarm-Impact Funds: Nothing new to report.

Water Project Update: Water/Wastewater Director Hallman stated he had nothing new to report.

Front Street Project: Mayor Kopitzke reported front street project is in the process of putting in sidewalks, curbs, etc. Paving has not been started.

Union Negotiations: City Clerk Donley reported negotiations are done and the city is waiting for the final contract to be presented for signatures.

Code Changes: Council Member Purkett reported he is still working on the code changes.

Building Inspector Position: Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 2024-R04: Mayor Kopitzke presented resolution 2024-R04, approving a raise for Full Time Union and Non-Union Employees of 3.2% Cola plus \$1.00.

Council Member Roberts made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-R04, the motion was seconded by Council Member Bell. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS:

City Judge Egeland had a report included in the packet.

City Council: Council Member Beyl reported the disc golf baskets are in at Riverside Park and pads will be installed at a later date.

Mayor: Mayor Kopitzke presented his report and asked if there were any questions.

City Attorney: None

COUNCIL COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: August 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

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: Bulk Water Rates, Water Project Update, Levee Update, Code Changes, Public Hearings for Daniel Murnion and the Garbage Increase.

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Kopitzke adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke

City Clerk Sandra Donley