

**CITY OF FORSYTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2020
STATE OF MONTANA**

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

Mr. Todd Buchanan of Buchanan Capital, Inc. was in attendance to provide information on the Special Project Fund Investments; as his firms handles the account. He said he appreciates the chance to come and discuss the investments. He provided an overview of the fund performance, noting the fund has a 2.8% return. There will be investments maturing, at different dates; investing the funds is the challenge at this point, but the governmental funds are safe because of the State Law protecting public funds. He thinks the market will settle after the election. Mayor Kopitzke and the City Council appreciated Mr. Buchanan coming.

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 this is considered the second reading of the ordinance as the hearing was continued from the June 22nd council meeting. Council Member Bell asked Building Inspector Ball how this would effect a corner lot, Inspector Ball replied it is five (5) foot side setback change.

REVIEW – REVISE AGENDA: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Kopitzke presented the consent agenda for approval:

Council Member Purkett made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included claim numbers 21186- 21235 in the amount of \$39,809.14 and check numbers 20058 – 20115 in the amount of \$193,952.48 for prior approved claims. The motion to approve the consent agenda was seconded by Council Member Raymond. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

CITIZENS

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

OLD BUSINESS

Levee (Dike) Update: Mayor Kopitzke inquired of Public Works Director Richard Thompson if he had anything new to report. Richard said the Corp of Engineers does an on-site dike inspection in late summer, he is trying to confirm the date.

Code Enforcement: Mayor Kopitzke noted there was a citation report in the packet, a parking citation was issued to a city employee. He has sent a note to all departments to alert them to be mindful of driving rules.

Fiscal Year 20-21 Budget: Mayor Kopitzke noted the budget is adopted in August, City Clerk Pinkerton provided a report on the status of the reserves, there still may be expenses that need to be paid in Fiscal Year 19-20, that will impact the reserve coming into the new fiscal year.

Mr. and Mrs. Racki Update for Boundary Line Change Request to Council on July 27, 2020: Mayor Kopitzke noted this is set for July 27th, a discussion followed on the line change, removing the property out of the city limits. It was decided it would be beneficial to have a meeting prior to the council meeting to clarify the request, it is hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Racki and Attorney Weldon will attend.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Mayor Kopitzke presented the ordinance for council consideration.

Council Member Purkett made a motion to approve the second reading of the Ordinance, the motion was seconded by Council Member Raymond. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; Council Member Bell voted no, Council Member Purkett voted yes, Council Member Raymond voted yes, Council Member Hill voted yes. The motion carried 3 to 1. Mayor Kopitzke noted the Ordinance will not be effective for thirty days.

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, Building Inspector Ron Ball and Pool Manager Jason Forberg.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS:

None

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 27, 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, Boundary line change request from Mr. and Mrs. Racki.

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Kopitzke adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke

City Clerk Doris Pinkerton