

**CITY OF FORSYTH  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 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, Carole Raymond, Ethan Bell, and John Hill and Clerk – Treasurer Doris Pinkerton. Excused from attending was Public Works Director Richard Thompson, Water Wastewater Director Pat Zent, Pool Manager Jason Forberg, Building Inspector Ron Ball, 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 none.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):** None

**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 21033- 21056 in the amount of \$29,350.96 and check numbers 19904 – 19922 in the amount of \$12,499.20 for prior approved claims.

City Clerk Pinkerton asked that the Forsyth Youth Council claim; claim #21043 be removed as it has been paid for the fiscal year. The amount for approval is \$26,850.96.

The motion to approve the consent agenda was seconded by Council Member Bell. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

**CITIZENS**

Unfinished Business:

City Code 7-6-3 and 7-6-4: Mayor Kopitzke reported a committee meeting was held prior to the council meeting to review and discuss the new information was provided from Mrs. Sharon Wetsch and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Krueger.

New Business:

Small Business Administration Documents Relating to Coronavirus: Mayor Kopitzke explained in response to the coronavirus the SBA is offering designated states and territories low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses suffering economic injury caused by the Coronavirus. This may be a tool to help our local businesses.

Video Recording Camera: Mayor Kopitzke said that Council Member Purkett has received information on video and recording devices for the council chamber and lobby. Council Member Purkett explained there would be cameras in the council meeting room and the lobby of city hall, also microphones in the council chamber for recording the meeting. City Clerk Pinkerton asked if the system could be expanded to cover the front and back doors, as an employee's bicycle was stolen during office hours. Council Member Purkett will contact the company and provide the new estimate.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Levee (Dike) Update: None

Code Enforcement: Mayor Kopitzke noted a committee meeting was held prior to this regular meeting and the code enforcement and the position was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution No. 2020-05-Emergency Declaration due to Coronavirus: Mayor Kopitzke presented the Resolution, the resolution if approved declares emergency by a pandemic outbreak of contagious illness known and referred to as coronavirus (A/k/a covid-19). The health, safety and welfare of all residents of the City of Forsyth, Montana are of primary importance and concern to the City. The City desires to take all reasonable precautions and steps to mitigate the impact of the said virus on the residents of the City of Forsyth.

Council Member Raymond made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-05, 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 reports were provided by Attorney White, City Clerk/Treasurer Doris Pinkerton, Public Works Director Richard Thompson, Water Wastewater Director Zent, and Pool Manager Jason Forberg.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS:**

A Council Committee meeting may be scheduled on April 13 prior to the council meeting to further discuss City Code 7-6-3 and 7-6-4 and code enforcement.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** April 13, 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 Options and City Code 7-6-3 and 7-6-4

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Kopitzke adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

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Mayor Dennis Kopitzke

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City Clerk Doris Pinkerton