

CITY OF FORSYTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF July 24, 2023
STATE OF MONTANA

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; officials in attendance were; Council Members Doug Roberts, Chris Purkett and Carole Raymond and City Clerk/ Treasurer Sandra Donley. Excused from attending were Council Member Ethan Bell, Public Works Director Richard Thompson, Water/ Wastewater Director Andrew Sullivan, Pool Manager Jason Forberg, Undersheriff Scott McDermott, Code Enforcement Officer Taylor Hallman 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. Mr. Robert Engle asked that the street closure permit for Hiram Lodge #52 be heard earlier in the meeting. Mayor Kopitzke and City Council agreed to hearing the permit.

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 23089-23109 in the amount of \$100,178.31 and check numbers 21824–21856 in the amount of \$40,022.41 for prior approved claims. The motion to approve the consent agenda was seconded by Council Member Raymond. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

City Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Donley gave a verbal report. Public Works Director Richard Thompson, Water/Wastewater Director Andrew Sullivan and Pool Manager Jason Forberg had written reports included in the packet.

CITIZENS:

Unfinished Business:

Becker Sewer Claim: City Clerk Donley stated she had received a call from Mr. George Becker earlier in the day and he was not going to be able to attend the meeting.

New Business:

Hiram Lodge #52 street closure permit: Mr. Robert Engle stated Hiram Lodge #52 would like to close a portion of Main Street for a 125 year celebration from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on September 23, 2023.

Council Member Purkett made a motion to approve the street closure permit request, the motion was seconded by Council Member Raymond. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Levee (Dike) Update: Mayor Kopitzke stated he was contacted by Nathan Bilyeu from Helena and that he would like to attend a meeting in August to go over the SID process. There was discussion on whether there would be time to get the SID in place before early September due to taxes having to be to the State.

Windfarm-Impact Funds: Chris presented an updated bid for the dog park fence.

Water Project Update: No new information to report.

Riverview Villa Lease: Council Member Purkett stated he would be sending out an email with the issues he had with the lease that was given to the City Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fireworks Code Review: Mayor Kopitzke asked if what changes to council would like to see made to the code. After discussion council decided to wait for a proposal to be brought forward.

REPORTS:

City Council: Council Member Purkett asked if there was an update on condemning the trailer house on West Oak. Mayor Kopitzke stated he would check with Attorney Weldon on how to proceed.

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

COUNCIL COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: August 14, 2023 at 7 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: 4th of July Fireworks Code review, Riverview Lease Agreement, Levee Update- Levee SID, Water Project Update and Windfarm Impact Funds.

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Kopitzke adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke

City Clerk Sandra Donley