

**CITY OF FORSYTH  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 11, 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, and John Hill, City Clerk – Treasurer Doris Pinkerton, Public Works Director Richard Thompson and Building Inspector Ron Ball. Excused from attending was Water - Wastewater Director Pat Zent, Pool Manager Jason Forberg, Under Sheriff Bruce Price and Attorney Jeff Weldon. Unable to attend was Council Member Ethan Bell.

**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. Gordan Dean was present, he inquired about the metal stop sign that was taken out of Ninth Avenue, during the maintenance project, he would like it preserved, and said he contacted the museum and they would be happy to have it. Public works Director Thompson said he has the sign at the City Shop, and has been trying to research where it may have been made, he would rather not have the sign put back in the street as it sticks up enough that the machinery hit it during snow removal. He suggested placing it at City Hall. After further discussion, a resolution will be presented at the next meeting to gift the sign to the Rosebud County Museum.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):** None

**REVIEW – REVISE AGENDA:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Kopitzke presented the consent agenda for approval:

Council Member Raymond made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included claim numbers 21099 - 21128 in the amount of \$271,361.48 and check numbers 19977 – 19985 in the amount of \$13,793.89 for prior approved claims. The motion to approve the consent agenda was seconded by Council Member Purkett. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

**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 he has been working with KLJ on the engineering agreement for the survey of the dike.

Code Enforcement: Mayor Kopitzke presented the code enforcement position for discussion, as he was uncertain of how the City Council wanted to proceed for the position from the discussion at the last council meeting. A discussion followed to have animal control included in the job duties, move forward with re-advertising and to be a part time position.

Zoning Changes: Mayor Kopitzke reported the Zoning Commission met to consider a change in the side setback footage in Residential 1 and Residential 2 and the 30/70 rule. Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Ball explained the side setback is ten (10) foot and he presented a reduction to five (5) feet, he also presented information on reducing the area that can be occupied on a lot, to fifty percent covered and fifty percent free. The Zoning Commission recommended the changes, as reflected in the draft minutes. City Clerk Pinkerton noted this is a change to the ordinances so it would be presented through the public hearing process, coming to the City Council in the public hearing format.

Council Member Raymond made a motion to approve moving forward with the zoning changes, the motion was seconded by Council Member Purkett. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

Review Paving Bid: Mayor Kopitzke noted there were two (2) bids received for the paving bid, one (1) from Century Construction in the amount of \$5,975.00 per ton of CRS-2 durapatch oil with chips, and \$2.55 per pound for crack sealing material and the other from Hardrives Construction in the amount of \$4,950.00 per ton of CRS-2 durapatch oil with chips and \$2.50 per pound for crack sealing material.

Council Member Purkett made a motion to accept the bid from Hardrives Construction pending bid review for compliance to bid specifications. The motion was seconded by Council Member Raymond. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

**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, Pool Manager Jason Forberg and Judge Elaine Egeland.

Council Member Raymond report that the Iron Horse Saloon and Joseph Café would like to get an open container permit for people who wish to have alcohol when waiting for take-out. The council was not opposed; but noted it should end when the Covid restrictions have been lifted; and the tables removed. City Clerk Pinkerton will issue the permit when the permit form has been submitted. Council Member Raymond also said she has been approached about having a line painted in the center of Oak Street. Public Works Director Thompson felt it would not hold up and is expensive to do.

#### **COUNCIL COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS:**

A City Council committee meeting will be scheduled at 6:00 p.m. to begin discussion on the new fiscal year budget. The Police Commission will also be scheduling a meeting.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** June 8, 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 and new to the agenda will be the new fiscal year budget.

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Kopitzke adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

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Mayor Dennis Kopitzke

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City Clerk Doris Pinkerton