

**CITY OF FORSYTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2020
STATE OF MONTANA**

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; officials in attendance were; Council Members Ethan Bell, Chris Purkett, Carole Raymond, and John Hill, City Clerk – Treasurer Doris Pinkerton, Public Works Director Richard Thompson, Water Wastewater Director Pat Zent, Pool Manager Jason Forberg, Building Inspector Ron Ball, Deputy Clerk – Treasurer Sandy Donley and 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.

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, at 7:02; hearing no comments he closed the hearing, noting a first reading is on the agenda later in the meeting. Council Member Purkett noted that the lot coverage was thirty percent free, not seventy percent as stated in the documents, the documents will be corrected.

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 21129- 21172 in the amount of \$28,880.02 and check numbers 19986 – 20027 in the amount of \$282,421.94 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: Open Container Permit Request from Selmer Lovell for June 20th in Marcy's Park for a celebration of life:

Mayor Kopitzke presented the open container permit and asked of Public Works Director Thompson if he had any concerns with use of the parks; he said he had no concerns. The permit time on the application was from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; time will be corrected to reflect 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on June 20th.

Council Member Purkett made a motion to approve the permit, the motion was seconded by Council Member Bell. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

Open Container Permit Request from Keri Krause for July 18th in Marcy's Park for a class reunion:

Mayor Kopitzke presented the permit request from Keri Krause.

Council Member Purkett made a motion to approve the permit request, the motion was seconded by Council Member Raymond. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Levee (Dike) Update: Mayor Kopitzke inquired of Public Works Director Richard Thompson if he had anything new to report. Richard said there is an amendment to the engineering agreement with KLJ Engineering and is on the agenda for council approval.

Code Enforcement: Mayor Kopitzke said the code enforcement position was discussed earlier in the budget committee meeting, he said he would like to remove the funds for the position as there has been no interest in the position since posted with animal control duties. He would like to look at the committee system for the enforcement program. A discussion followed on structure and responsibilities of the committee with Attorney Weldon adding that specific well written by laws should be created for the committee, if the committee system is implemented.

Resolution No. 2020-R06 Property Gift to Rosebud County Museum: Mayor Kopitzke read Resolution No. 2020-R06, which if approved would gift the stop sign plate to the Rosebud County Museum.

Council Member Raymond made a motion to approve the Resolution, the motion was seconded by Council Member Purkett. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

Fiscal Year 20-21 Preliminary Budget: Mayor Kopitzke reported a budget meeting was held prior to this meeting to begin discussions and review of the proposed Fiscal Year 20-21 budget, further review on June 22nd at 6:00.

Resolution No. 2020-R07 Law Enforcement Contract Agreement: Mayor Kopitzke presented Resolution No. 2020-R07; which if approved would allocate General Fund mills to fund the sheriff's agreement for law enforcement with Rosebud County.

Council Member Raymond made a motion to approve the Resolution, the motion was seconded by Council Member Bell. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; Council Member Hill voted yes, Council Member Raymond voted yes, Council Member Purkett voted no, and Council Member Bell voted no. The result was a two (2) to two (2) tie, Mayor Kopitzke voted no. The Resolution failed 3-2.

Revise Agreement with KLJ Engineering on Dike Survey: Mayor Kopitzke presented the revised agreement for the dike survey from KLJ Engineering, noting the price increase to \$52,500.00, Public Works Director Thompson explained this is to determine size, type, quantity of rip rap; this is part of the System Wide Improvement Plan adopted by the Corp of Engineers.

Council Member Purkett made a motion to approve the agreement, the motion was seconded by Council Member Bell. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

Coal Board Application for Pool Maintenance: Mayor Kopitzke reported that the Coal Board has decided to hold the meeting by conference call; they indicated they have no revenues to fund grants at this point. It is expected that Chair John Williams will table all applications. The Coal Board staff sent an email out, indicating there was no need to participate in the call. Pool Manager Forberg said he may call in.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Mayor Kopitzke presented the first reading of the Ordinance if approved would change side setbacks from ten feet to five feet in Resident 1 and Residential 2 Districts, and change occupied lot coverage from the 30/70 to 50/50, meaning fifty percent free and fifty percent occupied. This will return for a second reading on June 22.

Council Member Purkett made a motion to approve the first reading, his motion was seconded by Council Member Bell. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

Request to Upgrade Control Panel for the Villa Lift Station: Mayor Kopitzke presented the request, Water Wastewater Director Pat Zent explained the need to replace the control panel at the lift station at River View Villa. He presented two (2) quotes, and made a recommendation to purchase from Advanced Pump from Belgrade Montana, cost for panel and installation is \$4,253.00.

Council Member Bell made a motion to approve the purchase of the control panel from Advanced Pump; the motion was seconded by Council Member Raymond. City Clerk Pinkerton called roll; the motion carried 4-0.

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, Building Inspector Ron Ball, Under Sheriff Bruce Price and Judge Elaine Egeland.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS:

A City Council committee meeting will be scheduled at 6:00 p.m. to continue discussions on the Fiscal Year 20-21 budget. The Police Commission will also schedule a meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 22, 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 Budget.

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

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke

City Clerk Doris Pinkerton