

**CITY OF FORSYTH**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF June 8, 2026**  
**STATE OF MONTANA**

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; officials in attendance were; Council Members, Lloyd Nelson, Doug Roberts and Ethan Bell, City Clerk/ Treasurer Sandra Donley, Public Works Director Richard Thompson, Water/ Wastewater Director Taylor Hallman and Undersheriff Scott McDermott. Excused from attending were Council Member Sam Beyl, Pool Manager Jason Forberg, Code Enforcement Officer Justin Sauvageau, Building Inspector Gabe Martinsen 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. None

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):** None

**REVIEW -- REVISE AGENDA:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Kopitzke presented the consent agenda for approval:

Council Member Bell made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included claim numbers 24932-24963 in the amount of \$350,743.09 and check numbers 23528-23559 in the amount of \$331,788.47 for prior approved claims. The motion to approve the consent agenda was seconded by Council Member Roberts. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

**CITIZENS:**

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. Howard Coate/Class of 1966 Reunion – Open Container Permit for Riverside Park (Class Reunion) July 18, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Bell made a motion to approve the open container permit; the motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** City Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Donley, Public Works Director Richard Thompson, Water/Wastewater Director Hallman and Undersheriff McDermott gave verbal along with written reports. Pool Manager Jason Forberg had written reports included in the packet and Code Enforcement Officer Sauvageau had an update that was given to Mayor Kopitzke.

A. City Clerk/Treasurer: City Clerk Donley gave a verbal report along with her written report. Clerk Donley stated she has been staying busy with budgeting and asked if anyone would like to attend the Municipal Summit in Miles City on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

B. Public Works: Public Works Director Thompson gave a verbal report along with his written report. Director Thompson reported he purchased new garbage cans that will be delivered and asked for approval for the purchase of the mower attachment and grapple bucket for levee maintenance. Discussion was had and City Clerk Donley will ask the auditors if there is a way the levee maintenance fund can repay other funds for the purchases needed.

Council Member Roberts made a motion to approve the purchase of the mower attachment and grapple bucket; the motion to approve was seconded by Council Member Bell. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

C. Water/Wastewater: Written report gave a verbal report along with his written report. Director Hallman reported he is still waiting to hear on the permit to take down the brick building on North 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

1. Purchase of Influent Meter for Waste Water Plant-Director Hallman explained the issues with the current meter and steps that would need to be taken to replace it.

Council Member Bell made a motion to approve the purchase of a new influent meter for the Waste Water Plant; the motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

D. Pool: Written report included in packet.

E. Rosebud County Sheriff's Office: Undersheriff McDermott gave a verbal report along with a printed one. Discussion was had on code updates and Undersheriff McDermott stated he would like to be involved in code changes.

F. Code Enforcement Officer: Mayor Kopitzke gave a verbal report stating CEO Savaugau has been still dealing with situations and staying in touch with him on any progress. Discussion was had on properties with continuous issues and how to deal with habitual problem properties.

G. Building Inspector: No report was provided

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Levee (Dike) Update:** Mayor Kopitzke reported the Corp asked for more information on the 408 permit for the Levee and that Great West was working on updating the permit.

1. SID Update: Nothing new to update

#### **Water Project Update:**

1. 4050 Settlement: City Clerk Donley reported the city received a check from 4050's Bond for \$159,752.80 and the funds were deposited into the water fund per the auditors.

**Fiscal Year 26-27 Budget:** City Clerk Donley went over the remainder of the revenue budget and answered any questions. Mayor Kopitzke stated if any changes needed to be made to the preliminary budget they would need to be given to City Clerk Donley as the preliminary budget will be on the agenda for adoption at the June 22, 2026 Council Meeting.

**Bobcat Track Loader-- Review Bid(s) and Recommendation for purchase:** City Clerk Donley stated two (2) bids were received. City Clerk Donley opened the bids and gave them to Director Thompson. The first bid was from Bobcat of Miles City for \$84,722.29 and the second was from T & E Equipment of Billings for \$89,500.00. Discussion was had and Director Thompson recommended purchasing the track loader from Bobcat of Miles City.

Council Member Roberts made a motion to approve the purchase of the track loader from Bobcat of Miles City for \$84,722.29; the motion was seconded by Council Member Bell. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution No. 2026-R09~ Authorizing the transfer of funds from the General Fund #1000 to the Building Inspector Fund #2394:** City Clerk Donley stated the Building Inspector Fund was in the negative due to the cost of operating and the program being reinstated.

Council Member Bell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-R09; the motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

**CI-134:** Mayor Kopitzke handed out a description of this initiative and reported it has died for the current time.

#### **REPORTS:**

City Judge Egeland had a report included in the packet.

City Council: Council Member Roberts stated he would be gone for the June 22, 2026 meeting.

Mayor: Mayor Kopitzke presented his report and asked if anyone had questions.

City Attorney: None

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS:** None

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** June 22, 2026 Council Meeting 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:** Fiscal Year 26-27 Preliminary Budget, Levee Project, Water Project

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Kopitzke adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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Mayor Dennis Kopitzke

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City Clerk Sandra Donley