

**CITY OF FORSYTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF June 22, 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, Sam Beyl and Ethan Bell, City Clerk/ Treasurer Sandra Donley and Water/ Wastewater Director Taylor Hallman. Excused from attending were Council Member Doug Roberts, Public Works Director Richard Thompson, Pool Manager Jason Forberg, Code Enforcement Officer Justin Sauvageau, Building Inspector Gabe Martinsen, Undersheriff Scott McDermott 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): Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 26-27: Mayor Kopitzke recessed the regular meeting at 7:01 p.m. to open the public hearing for the preliminary budget of Fiscal Year 26-27. There was nobody from the public in attendance. The Mayor closed the hearing at 7:01 p.m. and reopened the regular meeting.

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 24964-24984 in the amount of \$1,022,244.01 and check numbers 23560–23580 in the amount of \$109,538.79 for prior approved claims. The motion to approve the consent agenda was seconded by Council Member Beyl. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

CITIZENS:

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Mayor Kopitzke stated there were two open container permits for the Lariat Bar and City Clerk Donley stated the third permit was for a citizen.

1. Mr. Tom Queen/Lariat Bar – Open Container Permit for Lariat Bar (4th of July Pig Roast)
July 3, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. to July 4, 2026 1:00 a.m. and July 4, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. (Noon) to 9:00 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.
2. Mr. Tom Queen/Lariat Bar – Open Container Permit for Lariat Bar (Calcutta for the Rosebud-Treasure County Fair Rodeo) July 14, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
3. Tammy Herzog (Class of 1996)-Open Container Permit for Riverside Park, July 17, 2026 from Noon to 3:00 p.m.
Council Member Beyl made a motion to approve all three open container permits together; 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 and Water/Wastewater Director Hallman gave verbal along with written reports. Public Works Director Richard Thompson and 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.
- B. Public Works: Public Works Director Thompson had a written report in the council packet.

C. Water/Wastewater: Written report gave a verbal report along with his written report. Director Hallman stated the City's portion of the job at 1211 Park was completed, the wastewater department had to buy a new mower and that his departments were waiting until they had all dig projects finished and are going to have the streets all patched at the same time.

D. Pool: Written report included in packet.

E. Rosebud County Sheriff's Office: No report was provided

F. Code Enforcement Officer: Mayor Kopitzke gave a verbal report stating CEO Savaugeau 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 there was nothing new with the levee project and that the City was still waiting for the Corp of Engineers.

Water Project Update:

1. Suspend Work Order for Pumping Station: Water/Wastewater Director Hallman explained work needed to be suspended due to waiting on parts. Council Member Beyl wanted to know if the City could get a completion date on the work if it was suspended. Discussion was had.

Council Member Bell made a motion to approve the suspend work order; the motion was seconded by Council Member Beyl. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 2-1.

2. Change Order for Pumping Station: Water/Wastewater Director Hallman explained the need for the change order and explained that the change would be beneficial to the City.

Council Member Bell made a motion to approve the change order for the pumping station; the motion was seconded by Council Member Beyl. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

3. Work Change Directive: Water/Wastewater Director Hallman explained the work change directive and how it was going to benefit the City.

Council Member Beyl made a motion to approve the change order for the pumping station; the motion was seconded by Council Member Bell. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

Adopt Fiscal Year 26-27 Preliminary Budget: Mayor Kopitzke presented the preliminary budget, noting this is not adoption of the final budget, which if approved would allow the city to receive revenues and pay expenses. The final budget will not be adopted until the second meeting in August.

Council Member Beyl made a motion to approve the preliminary budget; the motion was seconded by Council Member Bell. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Growth Plan- Mayor as Environmental Certifying Official: Discussion was had on the growth plan and what it meant to be the Environmental Certifying Official.

Council Member Bell made a motion to have Mayor Kopitzke be the City of Forsyth's Environmental Certifying Official; the motion was seconded by Council Member Beyl. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS:

City Judge Egeland: None

City Council: None

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

City Attorney: None

COUNCIL COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 13, 2026 Code Review Meeting at 5:30 p.m. and 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 Budget, Levee Project, Water Project, Growth Plan and Building Inspector Proposal

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Kopitzke adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke

City Clerk Sandra Donley