

**CITY OF FORSYTH  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF February 9, 2026  
STATE OF MONTANA**

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.; officials in attendance were; Council Members Ethan Bell, Doug Roberts and Sam Beyl, City Clerk/ Treasurer Sandra Donley, Public Works Director Richard Thompson and Water/ Wastewater Director Taylor Hallman. Excused from attending were Council Member Lloyd Nelson, Pool Manager Jason Forberg, 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.

**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 24717-24763 in the amount of \$1,870,086.81 and check numbers 23318–23347 in the amount of \$1,851,419.40 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:** None

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** City Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Donley, Public Works Director Richard Thompson and Water/Wastewater Director Taylor Hallman gave verbal along with written reports. Pool Manager Jason Forberg had written reports included in the packet. Code Enforcement Officer Hallman had his final report included.

- A. City Clerk/Treasurer: City Clerk Donley gave a verbal report along with her written report.
- B. Public Works: Public Works Director Thompson gave a verbal report along with his written report.
- C. Water/Wastewater: Water/Wastewater Director Hallman gave a verbal report along with his written report.
- D. Pool: Written report included in packet.
- E. Rosebud County Sheriff's Office: No report
- F. Code Enforcement Officer: Code Enforcement Officer Hallman gave a verbal report along with his final written report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Levee (Dike) Update:** Mayor Kopitzke reported he had attended a meeting along with Public Works Director Thompson and City Clerk Donley concerning possible grant funding for the levee and slaughterhouse projects. Interstate Engineering is waiting on the 408 permits from the Corp of Engineers before putting the placement of the rock out to bid.

**Water Project Update:** Water/Wastewater Director Hallman reported the booster station project will be starting and COP Construction will begin with some drilling in the streets. Public Works Director Thompson asked that the City makes sure COP patches the street correctly when finished.

**Code Review Title 1-5:** Mayor Kopitzke stated the council will continue to go over the code book during work meetings.

**Taylor Hallman CEO- Formal resignation:**

Council Member Roberts made a motion to approve CEO Taylor Hallman's formal resignation. Council thanked Mr. Hallman for the work he had done for the City of Forsyth. The motion was seconded by Council Member Beyl. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Fire Chief Appointment-Cal MacConnell:** Mayor Kopitzke asked for a motion for the appointment of Mr. Cal MacConnell.

Council Member Roberts made a motion to appointment Mr. Cal MacConnell as the Fire Chief. Council Member Bell thanked Chief MacConnell for the work he has been doing for the Forsyth Fire Department and seconded the motion to appoint. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

**Building Inspector Position:** Mayor Kopitzke reported he had spoken with Mr. Gabe Martinsen from Miles City about taking the position of building inspector. Mr. Martinsen is certified as a building inspector. Discussion was had concerning wage, mileage, hours and the zoning officer position. Mayor Kopitzke will contact Mr. Martinsen and report back to the City Council concerning this matter. Mayor Kopitzke added he had spoken with Mr. Justin Sauvageau concerning the code enforcement officer position. Discussion was had and Mayor Kopitzke will move forward with filling the code enforcement position.

**Tree Board Appointment:** Mayor Kopitzke presented the topic of appointing Billy Carter (employee) and Christopher Purkett (citizen) to the City Tree Board.

Council Member Roberts made a motion to appoint Mr. Billy Carter and Mr. Christopher Purkett to the Tree Board. The motion appoint was seconded by Council Member Bell. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

**REPORTS:**

City Judge Egeland had a report included in the packet.

City Council: None

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

City Attorney: Mayor Kopitzke reported Attorney Weldon has been working on the Oak Street issue.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS:** None

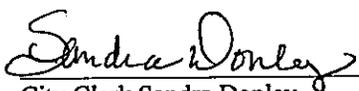
**NEXT MEETING DATE:** March 9, 2026 6:00 p.m. for a work meeting and Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

**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:** Levee Project, Water Project, CEO Position and Building Inspector Position

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Kopitzke adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

  
Mayor Dennis Kopitzke

  
City Clerk Sandra Donley