

**CITY OF FORSYTH  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF February 10, 2025  
STATE OF MONTANA**

Mayor Dennis Kopitzke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; officials in attendance were; Council Members Chris Purkett, Sam Beyl and via telephone Doug Roberts, City Clerk/ Treasurer Sandra Donley, Water/ Wastewater Director -Code Enforcement Officer Taylor Hallman, Public Works Director Richard Thompson and Undersheriff Scott McDermott. Excused from attending were Council Member Ethan Bell, Pool Manager Jason Forberg and Attorney Jeff Weldon.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):** None

**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 24041- 24085 in the amount of \$80,725.81 and check numbers 22686–22727 in the amount of \$141,031.84 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, Water/Wastewater Director/ Code Enforcement Officer Taylor Hallman, Public Works Director Richard Thompson and Undersheriff Scott McDermott all had a written and verbal reports. Pool Manager Jason Forberg had a written report included in the packet.

**City Clerk/Treasurer:** City Clerk Donley went over her report and asked if anyone had questions.

**Public Works:** Public Works Director Richard Thompson reported he had checked on mag chloride and had found two different options. He spoke about the options and will bring the subject back to council prior to next winter. Director Thompson also reported on possible mower options he would like to purchase.

**Water/Wastewater:**

1. Water/Wastewater Director Hallman spoke about water tank cleaning and asked permission to hire Independent Inspection Service to do the cleaning and inspection. Council Member Purkett made a motion to hire Independent Inspection Service. The motion to hire was seconded by Council Member Beyl. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.
2. Water/Wastewater Director Hallman spoke about the pipe issue at the water tank and asked permission to hire Taylor Romero to fix the pipe. Council Member Purkett made a motion to hire Taylor Romero. The motion to hire was seconded by Council Member Beyl. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

**Rosebud County Sheriff's Office:** Undersheriff McDermott gave an update on what has been going on at the sheriff's office. Undersheriff McDermott also mentioned a change to city code concerning junk vehicles.

**Code Enforcement:** Council Member Purkett asked that a reminder of code be ran in the paper this spring.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mayor Kopitzke presented a summary on the costs of city projects. Council Member Beyl asked about the grid united grants that may be available through SEMDC.

**Levee (Dike) Update:** The next meeting concerning the levee will be March 3rd.

**Water Project Update:** There will be a water plant controls walk through on February 12<sup>th</sup> and a water project conference call on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

1. Permission for Interstate Engineering to pursue additional funding for the water tank project. Council Member Beyl made a motion to allow Interstate Engineering to pursue additional funding for the water tank project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Purkett. City Clerk Donley called roll; the motion carried 3-0.

**Front Street Project:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**REPORTS:**

City Judge Egeland had a report included in the packet.

**City Council:** Council Member Beyl reminded everyone there were two remaining reimagining rural sessions. The session will be held at the Forsyth Country Club on February 11<sup>th</sup> and February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Mayor:** Mayor Kopitzke presented a report and asked if anyone had questions. Mayor Kopitzke reported he had been in contact with Attorney Weldon concerning 755 Main. Mike Sears is the property owner and will get back to the city with a detailed plan after the end of March.

City Attorney: None

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS:** None

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** March 10, 2025 at 7:00 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:** Project Updates/Reviews and Code Recommendations.

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Kopitzke adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

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Mayor Dennis Kopitzke

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City Clerk Sandra Donley