

# **City of Forada**

## **Meeting Minutes**

December 11, 2023

**Call to order:** Council Member Bob Verkinderen, called to order the regular meeting of the City of Forada at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Roll call:** The following persons were present: David Reller, Mitch Critz, and Mayor Bob Verkinderen; Scott Erickson, Gwen Egly

### **Approval of minutes:**

- Motion to approve November 13, 2023, regular meeting minutes by Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gwen. UVMC
- Motion to approve November 27, 2023, sewer meeting minutes by Gwen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mitch. UVMC

### **Open floor:**

- Questions from the floor regarding what constituted a camper, versus park model versus mobile home. Scott explained that when the trailer hitch is removed the camper becomes a mobile home, otherwise a park model and camper are treated the same relative to the city ordinance governing both.

### **Reports Of:**

#### **Fire Department:**

- Bob, Fire Chief, mentioned that the Annual Holiday party would be held at Fat Daddys on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January. Bob mentioned he had two additional applicants for firemen. Bob asked that the council sign the construction contract for the lean-to addition. David said he would review and provide the signed contract at their Tuesday meeting. Bob said there would be annual elections and asked the mayor and city clerk to attend and tally votes.
- Bob mentioned meeting wages would be reviewed for the next contract. He also may look at increasing township contracts beginning 2025.
- Bob said that the \$2500.00 received for the old EMS truck be transferred to the 1<sup>st</sup> responders.
- Motion to pay bills as submitted made by Mitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott. UVMC.

#### **First Responders:**

- Judy Powers was in attendance and expressed delight with the new EMS truck. She said that the radio transfer to the new unit went well.
- Motion to pay bills as submitted made by Gwen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott. UVMC

### Clerk's Report:

- David gave an overview of city financial reports and bills. Motion to pay bills as submitted made by Gwen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mitch. UVMC.

### Sewer Report

- David gave an overview of the financial reports and bill. He mentioned that the rate increase letters for all residents and businesses went out in the mail.

### Old Business:

- The city attorney letter regarding the Lopez property was discussed. The council agreed that the property appeared to be non-compliant with the ordinance. Possibles actions were discussed when Scott volunteered to meet with Kevin Lopez and explain the urgency of clearing his property to comply with the ordinance.
- David explained that the LRIP proposal was submitted, and that the city would be notified of the state's award.
- Resolution 10-23 regarding County Road 4 speeds was discussed. Scott made a motion to approve the resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gwen. UVMC
- David to speak with FD contractor regarding updating city hall and report back to council.
- Mitch will be the point man on city ordinance review and will work withy Darryl Egly and Patricia Bouta.

### New Business:

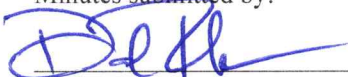
- Resolution #12-23 Certificate regarding unpaid sewer service charges was read and submitted by David. Mitch made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gwen. UVMC
- David mentioned that FEMA had given the city partial approval for road repair in front of the city hall and Church Avenue. The sum was \$4,895.57. Caleb has extended the timeline for us. We will need to attend to this early next spring.
- David presented Resolution #9-23 regarding write-in votes for elections held in the city. Mitch made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott. UVMC.
- David offered a few dates for the end of the year meeting. Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM was approved. David will post and publish the date.

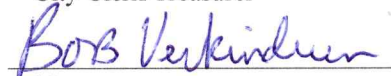
### Adjournment:

Motioned to adjourn meeting at made by Gwen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mitch. UVMC.

Mayor, Bob Verkinderen, adjourned the meeting at 9:14 PM

Minutes submitted by:

  
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City Clerk/Treasurer

  
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Mayor