

# **City of Forada**

## **Meeting Minutes**

March 11, 2024

**Call to order:** Mayor Bob, called to order the regular meeting of the City of Forada at 7:00 pm at City Hall.

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

**Approval of minutes:**

Motion to approve February 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes made by Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mitch. UVMC

**Open floor:**

No items from the floor

**Reports Of:**

**Fire Department:** Bob Steidl, Fire Chief

Bob informed the council that a rig from the Alexandria FD was available for silent auction. He stated that the rig could replace two vehicles by carrying all the tools necessary for a call out. Much discussion ensued regarding bid price with various FD personnel responding. David and Mayor Bob stressed that the FD should consider the maximum bid price so the council could approve a spend ceiling.

Mitch made a motion to approve up to \$42,000 for a bid, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott. UVMC

Bob mentioned the FD had scheduled a Street Dance for the 8<sup>th</sup> of June this year.

Bills were reviewed. Mitch made a motion to approve the bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott. UVMC

**First Responders:**

Judy Powers presented a check for \$2,475 made out by Scott Hvezda, purchaser, for the purchase of the EMS Truck back in December. The original purchase price was \$2,500 and a check was issued for that amount and given to Judy in December. The check was lost, and Scott Hvezda stopped payment which he then incurred a \$25.00 fee which was deducted from the purchase price.

Judy Powers resigned effective March 11, 2024. She stated that Mike Solomson would be interim President effective March 11, to fill out Judy's 1-year presidency.

Bills were reviewed. Gwen made a motion to pay 1<sup>st</sup> Resp. bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mitch. UVMC

**Oberloh Report:**

- Dennis Oberloh shared the printed 2023 City of Forada Financial Statement Report and the Required Communications Report and Financial Analysis. His information was in alignment with the previous year's analysis and concerns with no action needed to be taken by David or the Council. Dennis approved of the cash reserves the city currently carries.

Gwen made a motion to approve the audit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mitch. UVMC

**Hudson Township:**

- Carol Hedlund brought City Hall ADA concerns to the council. Much discussion was held regarding door clearances and pavement issues. Mayor Bob stated that the city was already gathering bids for an automatic door for the main entrance along with pavement updates near door and a possible dormer over the main entrance. David mentioned that City Hall

building was in need of updates regarding insulation, heating and lighting. David asked **Carol if Hudson Township would** consider a joint venture to replace the current City Hall. Carol said that she would bring it up at the next township meeting.

- Carol mentioned that she spoke with Nathan at Douglas Solid waste. Nathan will not be providing any assistance this year for clean up as they are concentrating on the completion of their capital projects. The city council concurred with Carol that we/they have no appetite to fund clean-up without help from Douglas Solid Waste, so the event will not happen this year.
- Carol mentioned that the Yonda Drive Road re-pavement project is scheduled to be done by the end of June.

#### **Clerk's Report:**

- David provided YTD Bal. Sht. and P & L Sht. and reviewed them with council. ARPA funds were discussed to determine what was still available. David said that he would provide a detailed report regarding all restricted fund expenses and balances.
- 20 MPH signs were discussed, and Scott gave 10 as the number of signs and posts to order.
- FEMA denial letter was discussed and whether the city would conduct a 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal. David mentioned that the same set of eyes reviewed the City's first request and first appeal. The 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal will go to another set of eyes in Washington DC and could take a considerable amount of time to render a decision. David mentioned that there may be another individual who has experience with FEMA and road issues and may be of service to the city. He will research and contact this individual and report back to the city in April.
- FEMA money that is still unspent and designated for road repair along Toby and Church Avenues was discussed. Mayor Bob asked David to contact Greg Greaves of Joe Riley Construction to obtain bids to repair the roads per approved FEMA road project.
- Bills were reviewed. Motion to pay bills as submitted made by Mitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott. UVMC

**Sewer Report:** David reviewed submitted reports. No sewer issues.

Bills were reviewed. Motion to pay bills as submitted made by Mitch 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gwen. UVMC

#### **Sunset Camping:**

- Cheryl was in attendance and asked for the City's approval for her campground license. David mentioned that their water analysis and evacuation plan was in place. Gwen made a motion to approve the license, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott. UVMC

#### **PNP Election:**

Gwen stated that the election went well—no issues.

#### **Ordinance Committee:**

Mitch stated that the ordinance books had been distributed to his committee members and that they would be meeting soon.

#### **Old Business:**

- Chris Miller Land Use Permit was presented without issues. Gwen made a motion to approve Land Use Permit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mitch. UVMC
- Waletzko Land Use Permit was presented without issues. Mitch made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gwen. UVMC.
- Restroom addition to southside of City Hall for Toby's Park access was discussed. Mayor Bob will gather bids and present them at the next council meeting.
- Bob asked about whether the \$60,000 transfer was made from the FD building fund to the FD general fund. David mentioned that he could not remember the conditions under which the transfer would be made and would look back at the minutes that pertained to that discussion.

**New Business:**

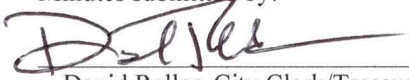
- Open 2024 sealed bids for plowing and mowing. No sealed bids were presented. Instead Runge Paving was the only provider that submitted pricing for the 2024 season to the city clerk in February 2024. Scott made a motion to accept Runge Paving's 2024 pricing with the exclusion of sweeping. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mitch. UVMC.
- David stated that Luxcare had presented 2024 pricing in February as well. Mitch made a motion to accept Luxcare's 2024 pricing, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gwen. UVMC.
- Mayor Bob began a discussion regarding whether the council has an interest in building one or two pickleball courts located between the ball field and the fire hall. Much discussion ensued with a consensus that the project would be worthwhile pursuing.

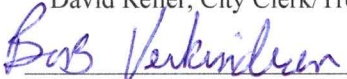
**Adjournment:**

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

Mayor Bob adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

  
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David Reller, City Clerk/Treasurer

  
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Mayor

