

# CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 20, 2017 – 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor George Spearing, IV; Council Members: Greg Banks, Danny Morcom, Jack Norman, Norma Craddock; Lee Norman (late 7:15); Water Superintendent, George Spearing, III; Lynn Shedd, Code Enforcer/Land Use Officer; City Attorney, Danny Love; City Clerk, Debbie Love

Observers: J. Carter, M. Fleming, B. Seagraves, D. Spencer

Media: Jessica Colquitt

## Minutes

7:05 PM

On a motion by Jack Norman, seconded by Greg Banks, the minutes for the June 15, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted. 4 - 0

## General Fund Financials

On a motion by Jack Norman seconded by Norma Craddock, the June General Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. 4 - 0

## Water

G. Spearing, III reported that all wells were running fine. We have picked up five (5) new services since the last meeting. The locks are still on order. They have to be made.

Next on the water agenda was a question raised by Mayor G. Spearing, IV on whether or not the city needed to have an "Emergency Water Rate" in place. This new rate would be applied if and when Arnoldsville was called upon to supply water to neighboring cities. After some discussion, it was determined that this had been mentioned in the past but no such rates had ever been established. City Attorney Love stated that a contract/agreement agreeable to all parties should be drawn up.

On a motion from Norma Craddock with a second from Danny Morcom, the council voted to table this issue. Vote 5 - 0

## Water Fund Financials

On a motion from Norma Craddock with a second from Danny Morcom, the June Water Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 4 - 0

## **Fire Department**

The fire department was represented by the new Assistant Chief, Jesse Carter. Mr. Carter announced that the new Fire Chief is Heath Baker. All is going okay with the Fire Dept. at this time.

Douglas Spencer, President of the Oglethorpe County Fire Association was present to report that the repeaters were ready for installation on the water tower hand rail. Mr. Spencer also spoke to the council regarding the possibility of the consolidation of some fire departments in the county. This is due to new state mandates requiring a lot more paperwork. There are currently 15 departments in the county and 5 may consolidate which would cut down on the required paperwork considerably. This is not a set plan yet, but will probably happen. The fire departments mentioned were: Vesta, Wesley Chapel, Wolfskin, Devils Pond and possibly Pleasant Hill.

## **Code Enforcement**

Mr. Shedd reported that the lot located at the corner of the Arnoldsville-Winterville Rd. and Yancey Rd. is still getting cleaned up. He also was successful in reaching someone regarding getting the grass cut at 171 Arnoldsville Rd. which was pretty high. Three permits were issued this month for a screened in porch, a roof and a metal carport.

The mayor mentioned that he has no new complaints regarding litter in yards etc.

## **Millage Rate**

The current millage rate for the city is 1.5 mls. On a motion from Norma Craddock with a second from Danny Morcom, the city voted to keep the millage rate at 1.5 mls. Vote 5 – 0

## **Delinquent Property Taxes**

Mayor Spearing presented the council with a listing of four (4) residents currently behind on their city taxes. He wanted to find out if the council would like to pursue collecting these back taxes. After a brief discussion, the council voted to go forward with collecting these delinquent taxes. Motion from Norma Craddock with a second from Greg Banks. Vote 5 – 0

## **LMIG 2018**

Mayor Spearing is in the process of obtaining quotes to have signs replaced and additional signs purchased with LMIG funding.

### Other Business

Next on the agenda was a discussion about the possibility of securing a grant to build a new city hall/community center. Mayor spearing had several design examples that he passed around. He had also spoken with representatives from USDA Rural Development regarding any available grants. He reported that they do not have any grants available at this time, only loans. David Mull and Jeff McCloud of USDA Rural Development will be present at the August meeting to give more information on this subject.

Council member Norma Craddock expressed her feeling that the city should payoff the smallest water loan if allowed before pursuing a new building.

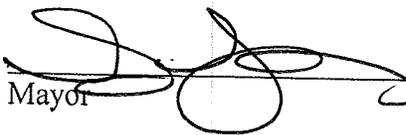
### Appeals Board

Mr. Will Foster was present to let the council know that would be willing to serve as the third member of the Appeals Board. On a motion from Norma Craddock with a second from Greg Banks, the council voted 5 – 0 to add Mr. Foster to this board.

The Appeals Board members are as follows:

Will Foster, Keith Hardman, Joyce Sniff

8:20 PM On a motion from Greg Banks with a second from Jack Norman, the meeting was adjourned. Vote 5 - 0

  
Mayor

8/17/17  
Date

Minutes prepared and submitted by Clerk, Debbie Love, August 17, 2017