CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 17, 2021

Council Present: Mayor George Spearing IV Norma Craddock
Jack Norman Lee Norman Danny Sniff

Media: Jessica Colquitt

Visitors: W. Foster, N. Sanders

7:00 PM - Meeting called to order
(Council member Danny Morcom absent)

Minutes

On a motion from Danny Sniff, seconded by Jack Norman, the minutes for the May 20, 2021 regular meeting were approved as submitted. Vote 4–0

On a motion from Jack Norman, seconded by Norma Craddock, the minutes for the June 7, 2021 called meeting were approved as submitted. Vote 4-0

General Fund Financial Report

On a motion from Lee Norman seconded by Jack Norman, the May General Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 4-0

Water Department Report

Water Superintendent, George Spearing, III reported that he had recently asked Oconee Well Drillers to complete a sample for the well needing a filter system. He also reported that TankPro, the company currently taking care of the yearly maintenance on the water tanks, will give an estimate regarding a new flag on the tank located at the City Hall site. He also mentioned that the #7 pump located at Kimberly Court may be on it's last legs. Council member Danny Sniff asked if the city should go ahead and purchase what is needed to repair or replace the #7 well. Water Superintendent Spearing stated that it is not a problem yet, and he will keep a check on the well. It was also reported that there are approximately 20 lots for sale from what is known as the Joyce White property. This may also affect the water supply.

Mayor Spearing stated that due to an increase in the price that the city has to pay for the current bore service from ER Utility Solutions, the city will need to increase the bore price charged to customers from $350.00 per bore to $450.00 per bore. On a motion from Jack Norman and a second from Danny Sniff, the council voted 4-0 to raise the bore price.

Water Fund Financial Report

On a motion from Jack Norman with a second from Danny Sniff, the May 2021 Water Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 4-0

Construction Acccount Report

On a motion from Jack Norman with a second from Danny Sniff, the monthly Construction Account Report was approved as submitted. Vote 4-0 *(As noted by council member Sniff, the Construction Account will be discontinued and maintained as a line item in the General Fund Report until the council makes a decision regarding the possibility of moving a portion of the left over funds to an accessible, interest bearing account).*

Fire Department

There were no members from the fire department present to give a report.

Code Enforcement

Lynn Shedd reported that he had made several attempts to contact the representative from Verizon that had left a message with no success. Nothing else to report.

Old Business

•Sale of Old City Hall Building
No new developments on the posting to gov.deals.com. City Attorney Love mentioned that he had recently passed by a business in Barrow County named Vesta Modular Offices and thought it might be worth a call to find out if they would consider purchasing or removing the old city hall. He will look into that possibility and report back at the next meeting.

•Federal Recovery Funding
Nothing new to report.

•2019 Audit
City Clerk Debbie Love reported that the 2019 and 2020 Audits are in progress and should be complete by the end of June. They are being completed by the firm of Morris & Waters, (Keith Waters) out of Canton.

•Old City Hall Marker
Mayor Spearing reported that the old marker had been removed. He asked for ideas/input from the city council on plans for a new marker/sign.

New Business

•Millage Rate
On a motion from Norma Craddock with a second from Jack Norman, the council voted to keep the millage rate at 1.5 ml. Vote 4-0

•Nuisance Animals Order
Mayor Spearing passed out copies of an ordinance given to him by the Sheriff of Oglethorpe County. The ordinance addressed nuisance animals and the sheriff inquired about Arnoldsville adopting their ordinance in with the current Arnoldsville Animal Ordinance. There was some discussion with Attorney Love stating that Arnoldsville would still have the ultimate responsibility regarding nuisance animals and the ordinance. In reference to the "dangerous animals" section of the Oglethorpe County Ordinance, he stated that this is already covered by the State of Georgia. Attorney Love suggested that since he had not received the information until now, he would rather research the matter further before advising the council. The subject was tabled until the next meeting.

•Implementation Plan/STWP
Mr. Morcom was not able to be at the June regular meeting. He attended the meeting regarding the Short Term Work Plan which is due October 31, 2021 and will give a report at the next meeting.

•GDOT Fund Source
Mayor Spearing gave a report on a new source of funding from the GDOT for flashing speed limit signs. He stated that 100% of the equipment would be funded by the State with each city being responsible for installation. Mayor Spearing requested four radar speed signs since each city is to apply for their own equipment. Mayor Spearing also hosted a meeting for the Mayors of Lexington, Crawford and Maxeys at the Arnoldsville City Hall to assist them in applying for their funds. He stated that the Mayors had agreed to start meeting every six months in the future to discuss various topics of interest to the cities.

•Open House
The plan was made to host a simple Open House for the new City Hall building on Saturday, July 31, 2021 from 4-6 p.m.

•Floor Opened Up for Discussion by Citizens
William Foster and Nick Sanders were present to inquire about any new developments on the Firefly Trail. Council member Danny Sniff reported that he had encouraged the Firefly folks to have a Town Hall Meeting and to have transparency regarding the progress of the trail. He reported that they had said they had had no communications from the city and they want endorsements from the cities. Several questions were brought up such as who would be in charge of the maintenance of a trail, the possibility of making bike lanes on the side of the newly widened Winterville-Arnoldsville Road when that takes place and safety issues.

•Resignation of Lee Norman

After 39 ½ years of serving on the Arnoldsville City Council, Lee Norman announced his resignation due to moving from Arnoldsville to be near his children. Mr. Norman thanked the council for their service and pointed out several items that he was most proud of, namely the current fire department, water department and the new city hall building. His resignation will be effective June 30, 2021.

8:58 PM On a motion from Danny Sniff with a second from Norma Craddock, the council voted to adjourn from the regular meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss Litigation.
Vote 4-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9:04 PM On a motion from Danny Sniff with a second from Norma Craddock, the council voted to adjourn from the Executive Session and go back in to the regular meeting. Vote 4-0

9:05 PM On a motion from Danny Sniff with a second from Jack Norman, the council voted to adjourn from the regular meeting. Vote 4-0

7-15-21

Mayor Date

Minutes prepared and submitted by Clerk, Debbie Love, July 15, 2021