CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 21, 2021

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

Media: Jessica Colquitt

7:00 PM - Meeting called to order

Minutes

On a motion from Norma Craddock, seconded by Jack Norman, the minutes for the November 20, 2020 regular meeting were approved as submitted. Vote 5–0

(Note: No meeting held in December)

General Fund Financial Report

On a motion from Jack Norman seconded by Lee Norman, the November 20, 2020 General Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 5-0

On a motion from Jack Norman with a second from Danny Sniff, the December 2020 General Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 5-0

Water

Water Superintendent George L. Spearing, III reported that there are currently no problems with any wells. He also reported that nine new tap requests had just been received with approximately 15-20 more lots left in the Hargrove Circle area for building out. The council then had a short discussion on the possibility of having to add a new well in the future due to the increase of customers. The current meter count for reading for the month of January is 566 meters.

Water Fund Financial Report

On a motion from Danny Sniff with a second from Norma Craddock, the November 20, 2020 Water Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 5-0

On a motion from Danny Sniff with a second from Jack Norman, the December 2020 General Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 5-0

Construction Acccount Report

On a motion from Danny Morcom with a second from Danny Sniff, the monthly Construction Account Report was approved as submitted. Vote 5-0

On a motion from Norma Craddock with a second from Danny Morcom, the Quarterly Online Purchasing Account Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 5-0

On a motion from Danny Morcom with a second from Danny Sniff, the Quarterly TSPLOST Account Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 5-0

Fire Department

Mayor Spearing reported that the Fire Chief, Heath Baker, was absent due to work. He plans to be present at the next regular meeting. Mayor Spearing also reported that the Fire Department was going to be able to sell the generator formerly used by the Oglethorpe EMA office, using the receipts for the fire dept. The fire department responded to a mobile home fire at 1:00 AM on 1/21/2021 on Pine Grove Rd.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer, Lynn Shedd reported that he had issued one permit for a storage building.

City Hall/Water Facility

Mayor Spearing reported that the previous punch list submitted should be completed soon. A large puddle of rainwater has collected on the back of the building near the newly paved street and contributing to the breakage in the asphalt. A temporary solution of gravel and culvert pieces are currently in place with a plan for the grader to come back to do some fill in work.

Mayor Spearing submitted the estimate of $40.00 which he had received to have the lettering installed on the glass door.

Council member Norma Craddock asked about the possibility of naming the new building. After a short discussion, the mayor and council agreed that the building would remain the Arnoldsville City Hall/Water Facility with the possibility of paying tribute to past mayors and council people in the form of a plaque, etc.

Next the mayor and council discussed a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony/Dedication, Flag Raising to be held either on February 6 or 13 depending on weather conditions and conflicts. The preliminary date set was February 13, 2021. This would be considered a called meeting as well.

The council hopes to hold an Open House sometime in the upcoming spring when the weather is better with the hope that COVID restrictions will be loosened.

Other Business

•Insurance
City Attorney Love reported on a few changes to the insurance regarding the removal of the old city hall off of the policy etc. There was also a discussion and vote on whether or not to include a Terrorism addition to the policy. On a motion from Jack Norman with a second from Lee Norman, the council voted not to have the Terrorism clause added to the policy. Vote 5-0
The total premium for the insurance will be $10,437.00 good for the period of 2/10/2021 through 2/10/2022.

•Old City Hall
Next on the agenda was the disposal of the old city hall building. On a motion from Danny Sniff with a second from Jack Norman, the council voted to put the old city hall building up for auction or sale. Vote 5-0

•Firefly Trail
Danny Sniff reported that he had informed his contact from the Firefly Trail people that Arnoldsville was waiting for the new Chairman of the Oglethorpe County Commission to get settled before approaching them regarding anything on the trail. They will wait for a meeting with Arnoldsville with the understanding that the meeting is on hold right now.

•New Magistrate Judge
City Attorney Love stated that he would contact the new Magistrate Judge of Oglethorpe County to insure that she would be available for services needed by Arnoldsville as had been provided by the previous Magistrate Judge, Gail Smith. Ms. Smith retired January 1, 2021.

8:17 PM On a motion from Danny Sniff with a second from Danny Morcom, the regular meeting was adjourned to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation. Vote 5-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8:39 PM On a motion from Danny Morcom with a second from Jack Norman, the Executive Session was adjourned and the regular meeting was re-entered. Vote 5-0

8:40 PM With no further business to discuss, a motion was made for adjournment by Danny Morcom with a second from Jack Norman. Vote 5-0

2/25/21

Mayor Date

Minutes prepared and submitted by Clerk, Debbie Love, February 25, 2021