CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 24, 2022 - 7:00 PM

<u>Present</u>: Mayor George Spearing, IV; Council Members: Norma Craddick; Danny Morcom, Jack Norman; Danny Sniff; Massey; City Attorney, Danny Love

Minutes

Meeting was called to Order by Mayor George Spearing, IV,

Councilperson Danny Sniff moved that the City Council going to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Councilperson Jack Norman, the Council voted 5-0 to enter into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council returned to the called meeting.

Discharge of City Clerk

Councilperson Danny Morcom moved that City Clerk Coy be asked to resign or that she be terminated. His motion stated that she would receive her pay for the rest of March (25 additional hours) if she resigned or only current pay if terminated. Seconded by Councilperson Danny Sniff. Voted on by City Council and passed. 5-0

Recess

The City Council discussed calling the previous City Clerk, Debbie Love, to inquire if she would return as City Clerk on a temporary basis. Councilperson Morcom moved that the City Council go into recess while the Mayor called Ms. Love. Seconded by Councilperson Norman. Voted and passed 5-0. The City Council went into recess and Mayor Spearing called the previous clerk. The City Council came out of recess and resumed the meeting while they waited for Ms. Love to arrive.

LMIG Project

Mayor Spearing discussed the upcoming LMIG project. The City will have approximately \$22,000.00 dollars for the project(s) (LMIG and City matching funds.) The City has talked about a pedestrian walkway at the intersection of Arnoldsville and Yancey Road. The money could also be used for sidewalks. Mayor Spearing wanted the City Council to think about what they wanted to do.

Hiring of City Clerk

The former City Clerk, Debbie Love, arrived at the meeting. Members of the City Council discussed with Ms. Love the possibility of her returning to the City Clerk position on a temporary basis. Questions were asked and answered by Ms. Love and by the City Council. The consensus was that the City Water System required the majority of the clerk's time and that it was a good idea to have someone trained as a backup. Ms. Love agreed to return to the City Clerk position on a temporary basis and train one or two assistant clerks. Councilperson Massey moved, seconded by Councilperson Danny Sniff, that Ms. Love be paid at a higher hourly rate. Voted and passed by City Council 5-0. Ms. Linda Norman will continue in her position.

Discussion was held about retaining another clerk including asking persons who had previously applied or shown an interest.

Councilperson Norman moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Sniff. Voted on by City Council 5-0.

Date 4/21/

Minutes prepared and submitted by City Attorney, James D. Love, April 21, 2022