

CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 14, 2017 – 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor George Spearing, IV; Council Members: Greg Banks, Danny Morcom, Jack Norman, Norma Craddock; Lee Norman; Water Superintendent, George Spearing, III (absent due to attendance at another meeting); Code Enforcement Officer, Lynn Shedd; City Attorney, Danny Love; City Clerk, Debbie Love

Observers: H. Baker, S. Hyde, M. Nouri, D. Spencer

Media: Jessica Colquitt

7:00 PM - Mayor Spearing opened the meeting with recognition of council member Jack Norman for the success of the Annual Community Christmas sponsored by the city and the Arnoldsville Baptist Church.

Minutes

On a motion by Norma Craddock, seconded by Lee Norman, the minutes for the November 16, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted. 5 – 0

General Fund Financials

On a motion by Jack Norman seconded by Norma Craddock, the November General Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. 5 - 0

Water

The water report was provided by Mayor Spearing. Several new services have been installed. Along with these new installations came damages which have been addressed with additional charges to the contractors.

Water Fund Financials

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

Fire Department

Fire Chief Heath Baker reported that two of their fire fighters were waiting to take their exams on the upcoming Saturday. The fire department is in the process of applying to bid for a 50/50 Grant that will be submitted on 12/22/17.

Douglas Spencer, President of the Oglethorpe County Fireman's Association was present to give an update on the ongoing cancer insurance debate for volunteer firefighters in the county. Spencer reported that Commission Chairman Billy Pittard was in favor of waiting until the fire departments received letters of non-compliance before the county paid the premium for the year. The majority of the fire departments do not support this idea and have been attempting to raise funds to cover the premium with a raffle. The Georgia Fireman's Association President, Gordon Henderson, submitted a letter to the Oglethorpe County Fireman's Association instructing that if the premium for the cancer insurance had not been received by January 2, 2018, that they would all have to "cease & desist" until in compliance. There is a 30 day appeal time but anyone running a call during this time would be arrested. They will know just exactly how much funding has been raised in the upcoming week and may contact Arnoldsville and other cities if additional funds are needed. All fire departments are in agreement that they do not want risk losing their current ISO ratings by not acquiring the cancer insurance. If they do not comply with the insurance demand, each department would have to begin all over again to arrive back at their current status.

Spencer also reported that the county-wide radio unit had been installed in the Arnoldville City Hall and the generator will be installed in January. City Attorney Love stressed that the county is "using the city's space only and that the city is not liable for any damage to the equipment."

Annual Insurance

City Attorney Love reported that he had been in contact with the insurance company and that there will be a 3% increase in the city's annual insurance premium. This year's premium will be \$8,300.00. On a motion from Norma Craddock with a second from Lee Norman, the council voted 5 – 0 to allow City Attorney Love to renew the policy at the 2018 updated premium of \$8,342.00. The city has stated in the past that they did not want the policy to cover acts of terrorism which costs an additional \$97.00.

Code Enforcement

Lynn Shedd reported that he had granted a new building permit for the addition of an open patio at 6 Deerfield. Mr. Shedd had also spoken with Mr. Weldon Stewart regarding a carport addition on his property. Mr. Stewart explained that he had installed two containers before the zoning had gone into effect with the understanding that the carport would be added. The delay in the carport was due to the installer being very busy. After a short discussion, the council agreed that Mr. Stewart would need to acquire a new permit for this additional carport. Mr. Shedd will issue a permit.

Mr. Shedd also noted that new trailer park fencing had been installed by Allgood Properties who had recently purchased the parks. A permit was not needed.

LMIG 2018

Mayor Spearing reported that the new road and street signs had been installed using the LMIG funds.

Other Business

City Clerk Debbie Love reported that she should be able to present a “draft” version of what the new website for the city will look like at the next meeting.

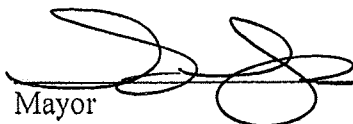
Mayor Spearing reported that he and Clerk Love had recently met with Josh Hawkins to go over the GDOT – Service Delivery Act. The county and all cities were out of compliance. This Act is to prevent overlapping services. The city has approved their part of the comprehensive plan for the county. The city will need to update their Short Term Work Plan in the coming months as part of the county plan. Until all plans are submitted, no LMIG funds will be made available.

On a motion from Greg Banks with a second from Norma Craddock, the council voted 5 – 0 to hire Lamar Aaron for the lawn maintenance upkeep for the city.

Next on the agenda, Mary Nouri was present to address the council about the ongoing parking problems at her business, No. 3 Railroad St. Ms. Nouri was inquiring whether or not the city was planning on striping Railroad St. Mayor Spearing stated that the city may stripe in the future but is not doing that at this time. Mayor Spearing reminded Ms. Nouri that there is a state law against parking on a public street that has no designated parking. Ms. Nouri again directed questions to City Attorney Love regarding this situation, asking for legal advice. City Attorney Love suggested that Ms. Nouri “speak with her attorney.”

Council member Jack Norman again asked Ms. Nouri if she had tried to speak with the Patmans. Ms. Nouri stated that she had tried several times.

8:10 PM Motion to adjourn by Jack Norman with a second from Norma Craddock. Vote 5-0

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Mayor

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Date