

CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1/16/2025

Mayor: Danny Morcom

Council Present: Norma Craddock, Joyce Sniff, Blake Arnold, Lillian Sanders

City Employees Present: Dana Player, Lynn Shedd, Adam Boswell

City Attorney Present: Danny Love

Guests Present: Melvin Fleming, George Spearing III, Betsy Collins

At 6:00 pm Mayor Danny Morcom called the meeting to order. He asked for a moment of prayer for the passing of Lee Norman. Lee Norman was on the council for over 40 years. The funeral will be held on Saturday at Lord & Stephens Funeral Home. Please pray for his family.

The council was going to elect a Mayor Pro-Tem, however, there was not a full council, so they deferred it to February.

Minutes

On a motion from Joyce Sniff, seconded by Norma Craddock, the minutes for the November 21, 2024, regular meeting was approved as submitted. Vote 4-0

General Fund Financial Report

On a motion from Joyce Sniff, seconded by Lillian Sanders, the November 2024 General Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 4-0

On a motion from Norma Craddock, seconded by Joyce Sniff, the December 2024 General Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 4-0

Water Fund Financial Report

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Water Department Report

Water Superintendent, Adam Boswell, said that everything was going smoothly. He has been trying to get in touch with someone from EPD about the well head protection plan. He met with someone today and they are going to try and get Adam in touch with the right person. City Attorney Danny Love said that if Adam could not get in touch with someone from EPD, he would try.

Lynn Shedd gave a price of \$1750.00 for the electrical, insulation, and plywood of the GW Bray well. On a motion from Joyce Sniff, seconded by Blake Arnold, it was approved for Lynn Shedd to repair the GW Bray well for \$1750.00. Vote 4-0

Joyce Sniff had to leave the meeting due to a family emergency.

4th Quarter Reports – ARP, Online Purchasing, TSPLOST

On a motion from Lillian Sanders, seconded by Norma Craddock, the 4th Quarter Reports 2024 were approved as submitted. Vote 3-0

Mayor Danny Morcom mentioned that the money from TSPLOST could be used for the paving of Pinegrove Road. On a motion from Blake Arnold, seconded by Lillian Sanders, it was approved to get three bids on the paving of Pinegrove Road. Vote 3-0

Fire Department

Arnoldsville Fire Chief, Heath Baker, said that it had been busy. They had 118 calls in 2024 and responded to 104 calls. This was close to the 122 calls they had in 2023. For the first time, they had an award for the Firefighter of the year. It was given to Stan McNeil.

The tanker has been in service for 4 to 6 weeks. It has been to 2 or 3 fires. The new door has been installed at the fire department. There are now 4 electric doors. They are working on Stage 2, which is the meeting room and kitchen. The water line and power will need to be moved. The power bill has gone up tremendously. They are trying to figure out why because it has been the same for years.

Chief Baker will be going to Connecticut February 8th – 12th to pick up some hoses and equipment that is being given to them. They will be selling the old truck and pump. They have not had any luck yet but will keep trying.

The fire department will be working with the Red Cross on February 15th to go door to door and install smoke detectors. The Red Cross will leave (18) smoke detectors with the fire department. Once the fire department does the paperwork on them, they will receive (18) more smoke detectors. This will be a continuous cycle.

Chief Baker asked the council if he could use City Hall on Monday January 27th for their class.

The Council paid the Fire Dept \$10,000.00 for half of the Budget for 2025, the other half will be paid in July 2025.

Zoning

Land Use/Zoning Officer Lynn Shedd reported that he went by Stewart Circle several times with nobody being at home, concerning the vehicles and equipment in the yard. He left his card and will go back after the meeting.

New Business

Mayor Danny Morcom said that there was a new appointment for the Library Board of Trustees. They can only serve a three-year term. There was an application from Leslie Jones. On a motion from Lillian Sanders, seconded by Blake Arnold, it was approved that Leslie Jones be the new Trustee on the Library Board representing the City of Arnoldsville. Vote 3-0

Betsy Collins was present concerning the Firefly Trail. She said they were presenting another federal grant for the planning of the Firefly Trail. It would go from Arnoldsville to Crawford to Lexington. She said that grants are very competitive. The county would apply for it. She asked the council if they would write a letter in support of the continued study, planning, and design/engineering of the Firefly Trail project.

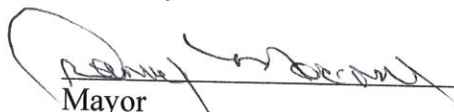
Old Business

Mayor Danny Morcom asked the council about House Bill 1022 (581). On a motion from Lillian Sanders, seconded by Blake Arnold, the council opted in for House Bill 1022 (581). Vote 3-0

City Attorney, Danny Love, said that the renewal for the insurance was due by February 10th. There have been no claims on the insurance. There would be auto-driving personal vehicles on the policy. He said they have asked for a lot more information this year than in the past. Last year the policy was \$11,450.00 that was split 60% from the Water Fund and 40% from the General Fund. On a motion from Lillian Sanders, seconded by Blake Arnold, it was approved to pay the insurance without another meeting, if it was not more than 10% of last year's cost. Vote 3-0

City Clerk, Dana Player, said that Valli Information Systems, who puts the amount of the water bills online for customers, has been charging \$45.00 a month since she started. The last bill was \$67.64 so she called them. They told her they could now put the actual bill online so that the customer to see it. Before, they could only see the dollar amount, not the bill. Valli told her it would be .01 per bill. On a motion from Blake Arnold, seconded by Lillian Sanders, it was approved to put the bill online and pay the .01 per bill extra each month. Vote 3-0

At 7:02 pm, a motion to adjourn the meeting from Norma Craddock, seconded by Blake Arnold. Vote 3-0


Mayor 2/20/2025
Date

Minutes prepared and submitted by City Clerk, Dana Player