

CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 21, 2019

Council Present: Mayor G. Spearing, IV Greg Banks Norma Craddock
Danny Morcom Jack Norman Lee Norman

Visitors: None

Media: Jessica Colquitt

7:00 PM -Meeting called to order

Minutes

On a motion from Danny Morcom, seconded by Norma Craddock, the minutes for the October 17, 2019 regular meeting were approved as submitted. Vote 5-0

General Fund Financial Report

On a motion from Lee Norman seconded by Greg Banks, the October 2019 General Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 5-0

Water

Water Superintendent, George L. Spearing, III reported that two new taps had recently been installed. Spearing also provided information regarding the needed replacement of aging or bad water meters. The current price of a new Neptune Meter is \$205.00. We are able to trade in the old meters for \$150.00 each to Delta Municipal. When new meters are purchased and old meters traded, we can get the meters at a price of \$150.00 including the 10 year warranty. The required amount to purchase at one time is 24. Council member Banks asked how many are needed. Spearing stated that he has six (6) that are bad right now. He has already sent back 40.. Delta will give us credit for 20 and when we purchase more within six (6) months, the warranty will start at that time.

On a motion from Greg Bank with a second from Danny Morcom, the council voted to purchase 24 at \$150.00 each. Vote 5-0

Water Superintendent Spearing mentioned that the Sanitary Survey is scheduled to be performed with the EPD on December 10, 2019.

Water Fund Financial Report

On a motion from Danny Morcom with a second by Greg Banks, the October 2019 Water Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 5 - 0

Fire Department

Norma Craddock stated that there was nothing new to report for the fire department at this time. She noted that they were pleased with the recent fund raiser.

Code Enforcement/Zoning

Code Enforcement Officer, Lynn Shedd, reported that he will be meeting with the Magistrate Judge on 12/1/2019 regarding the reported violations at 178 Yancey Rd. No improvements have been made so far.

Other Business

•TSPLOST

City Clerk Love reported that a separate account has been set up at The Commercial Bank for the purpose of collecting TSPLOST funds that have been and will be received from Oglethorpe County.

.....•City Hall Planning and Development

The discussion then turned to the ongoing plans and development of the new city hall and water facility. We are currently waiting to hear back from First American Bank regarding our inquiry about the possibility of acquiring a loan to complete the new city hall/water facility.

Mayor Spearing reported that the grading is complete. The possibility of a retaining wall was questioned by Greg Banks. After some discussion, Mayor Spearing stated that a wall would not be necessary.

.....•Arnoldsville Cemetery

Keith Hardman of the Arnoldsville Cemetery Association had made an inquiry regarding the possible waiving of the monthly fee for water services at the cemetery. They already have a tap and would like to install a faucet with a lock just for occasional usage. After talking over the options, the council agreed on a motion from Greg Banks with a second from Danny Morcom, to allow the cemetery to have water at no charge as long as the usage does not go over the minimum of 3000 gallons per month. If by chance, the usage exceeds this minimum, the monthly minimum charge of \$18.00 will be billed.

Next, Mayor Spearing asked for input regarding the possibility of no regular meeting during December due to holidays etc. There is a possibility that a called meeting will be needed to address issues concerning the new city hall building, in which case, the Mayor will contact council members for scheduling. This suggestion was put into a motion by Greg Banks with a second from Norma Craddock. Vote 5-0

The annual City Supper will be held on December 14 with notices going out in the water bills.

The city has been contacted by the Oglethorpe County Economic Development Office regarding a possible contract with the county to provide countywide wi-fi. This would require a wi-fi antenna being installed on the Arnoldsville water tanks. They offered providing free wi-fi to city hall. There will be a future meeting with Economic Development.

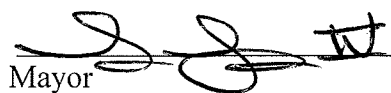
City Attorney Love asked if the council would prefer having the Probate Judge to perform the swearing in of the new council member in January instead of him. He has always taken care of this duty in the past, but wanted to offer this option. It was decided that the city attorney will continue to conduct this task at the first meeting in January 2020.

7:55 PM On a motion from Danny Morcom with a second from Greg Banks, the council voted to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing ongoing litigation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8:35 PM Executive session adjourned on a motion from Norma Craddock with a second from Danny Morcom. Vote 5-0

8:36 PM Regular meeting resumed and adjourned with no further business on a motion from Danny Morcom with a second from Lee Norman. Vote 5-0

Mayor  Date 1/16/2020

Minutes prepared and submitted by Clerk, Debbie Love, January 16, 2020