

# CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

### June 16, 2015

Present: Mayor Banks, Council Members: Norma Craddock, Jack Norman, Lee Norman, Joyce Sniff, George Spearing IV; City Attorney, Danny Love; Water Superintendent, George Spearing, III; City Clerk, Debbie Love

Observers: Daniel Cosby, M. Fleming, D. Morcom, B. Seagraves

7:00 PM Mayor Banks called the meeting to order.

The minutes for the regular monthly meeting held on May 19, 2015 were read and approved as submitted on a motion from George Spearing, IV and a second from Norma Craddock. Vote 5 - 0

The financial report presented for the month of May for the city's General Fund account was approved on a motion from Joyce Sniff with a second from Lee Norman. Vote 5 - 0

The financial report presented for the month of May for the city's Water Fund account was approved on a motion from Jack Norman with a second from Joyce Sniff. Vote 5 - 0

#### Water

Water Superintendent, George Spearing, III reported that all wells are doing fine at this time. Mr. Spearing also reported that Lee Smallwood of Utility Services would like to meet with Mayor Banks.

The 2014 Annual Water Quality Report was made available.

The next item on the water agenda was the second reading of the water rate ordinance. The ordinance raising water rates, increasing the Application Fee, and increasing an initial reconnect fee was passed with a motion from Joyce Sniff and a second from George Spearing, IV. Vote 5 - 0 (Ordinance attached)

The council also voted unanimously to change the maintenance contract for the water tank located on Hargrove Lake Rd. from Utility Services Co. To TankPro, Inc. on a motion from Joyce Sniff with a second from George Spearing, IV. Vote 5 - 0

#### Fire Department

Mr. Melvin Fleming reported that all had been quiet for the fire department in the past month.

## Other Business


Mayor Banks reported back to the council on the information he had received regarding the options available for improving Pine Grove Rd. He stated that the city could pay Oglethorpe county \$2,400 for scraping and graveling the road. If the city elects to use LMIG funds it would require that the city also include 33% (\$800.00) to add to the \$2,398.15 already received from the DOT for LMIG funds. Additional information included that it would take an estimated \$84,000.00 to tar and gravel the road. Stewart Circle had also been discussed in the past as a possible project for LMIG funds and Mayor Banks reported that the ½ mile street would cost \$70,000 to \$80,000 to pave according to the information he had received. After more discussion a motion was made by Joyce Sniff with a second from Jack Norman for the city to pay Oglethorpe County to scrape and gravel Pine Grove Rd. instead of using LMIG funds for this project. Vote 5 - 0 Mayor Banks will contact Oglethorpe County to make arrangements for scraping, grading and graveling Pine Grove Rd., and the work will be covered by the city budget.

The next item on the agenda was the Comprehensive Plan required by NEGA Regional Commission that is due every five (5) years. Mayor Banks announced that all mayors (4) of Oglethorpe County met with NEGA and it was agreed that one plan will be devised that includes all cities of Oglethorpe County (Arnoldsville, Crawford, Lexington & Maxeys). There will not be a need for separate plans.

Council member Norma Craddock noted that she had been contacted from a citizen with concerns regarding the current Dog/Animal Ordinance currently in place. After a lengthy discussion regarding the ordinance, council member Joyce Sniff suggested that all council members should take a copy of the dog ordinance first to think about a solution to be discussed at the next meeting.

8:00 PM Meeting adjourned on a motion from Norma Craddock with a second from Lee Norman.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Debbie Love, City Clerk, July 21, 2015

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Mayor Greg Banks Date

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WATER ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF  
ARNOLDSVILLE, GEORGIA, ENTITLED "CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE WATER  
ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1994", AS AMENDED**

Request for water service from the Arnoldsville Water Department must be made by application for the purpose of establishing customer's name, mailing address, placement of meter, and type use for rate classification.

1. **Meters.**

Each individual resident dwelling, commercial building or business must have its own meter. (Mayor and council shall be empowered to determine what constitutes a resident dwelling, commercial building, and business.)

Mobile Home Parks are to have one meter for each section of the park. (Mayor and Council shall be empowered to determine what constitutes a Mobile Home Park and the number of sections which make up the Park.)

2. **Ownership and Maintenance.**

The City of Arnoldsville shall own, place, replace, and maintain all parts of the water system from the water source, through the water main, up to the meter and the meter. The customer shall own and maintain that part from the meter on.

3. **Tap-on to Water Main**

Prior to tap-on to the water main a charge of \$750.00 shall be paid. This is subject to change, based on the economy. An unauthorized tap-on will be subject to a fine of \$500.00. Tap-on fees outside the City Limits will be \$1000.00. A fee to be determined by the City Council, but no less than \$350.00 will be charged if a bore is required to connect to the City Water System.

4. **Start New Account on Existing Meter.**

Each new water customer shall pay a \$100.00 start-up fee when application is submitted for service.

5. **Water Rates.**

A. Water rates may be adjusted by the Mayor and Council as they may deem fit and necessary in order for the water system to be self-supporting for immediate cash flow and anticipated infrastructure maintenance.

Commercial usage shall be dealt with on an individual basis by Mayor and Council. Mobile Home Parks are classified as commercial.

6. **Non-payment.**

Payment made after due date must include a 10% late fee.

If payment for water bill is not received within 30 days of due date, a written warning will be issued to person responsible for bill. If payment is not received within 60 days of due date, the meter will be pulled. To receive service again, the water bill must be paid in full plus the start-up fee of \$50.00. A \$100.00 reconnection fee will be charged for a second and/or subsequent reconnection for non-payment of water bill(s).

7. **Re-connection.**

A start-up fee of \$50.00 will be charged for re-connection for any reason.

8. **Notice to Discontinue.**

It is the responsibility of property owner, as well as the water customer, to notify City five days

prior to discontinuing service.

9. **Conservation.**

It is the duty of each person to use water as the precious resource that it is by immediately repairing leaky plumbing on their premises and report any leaks or other waste of water from city mains.

10. **Water Shortage or Scarcity:**

1. In any case of a water shortage or scarcity, the Mayor and Council may restrict the use of water.

2. A violation of any established restriction of water will result in a written warning; if said violation continues, a verbal warning by Mayor and a Council person or a law enforcement officer; if still continued, the meter will be removed, and a start-up fee will be charged to reconnect.

11. **Water Rate Scale.**

1. Inside city limits - residential:

0-3,000 gallons, \$18.00 (minimum charge), plus \$3.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons or part thereof for 3,000 to 5,999 gallons plus \$4.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons, or part thereof over 6,000 gallons, per month.

2. Inside city limits - commercial:

0-3,000 gallons, \$18.00 (minimum charge), plus \$3.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons for 3,000 to 5,999 gallon or part thereof, plus \$4.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons, or part thereof over 6,000 gallons, per month.

3. Outside city limits - residential:

0-3,000 gallons \$33.00 (minimum charge), plus \$4.50 for each additional 1,000 gallons for 3,000 to 5,999 gallons, or part thereof, plus an additional \$5.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons or part thereof, over 6,000 gallons per month.

4. Outside city limits - commercial:

Acceptance at discretion of Mayor and Council. Rates will be determined by Mayor and City Council when an "outside city limits-commercial" account is accepted.

First reading MAY 19, 2015

Second reading JUNE 16, 2015

Approved by Mayor and City Council

Wayne J. Jones

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Joyce H. Jones

Lee W. Norman

Norma S. Craddock

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MAYOR