

**City of Arnoldsville**

**City Council Meeting Minutes**

**2/16/2023**

**Council Present:** Norma Craddock, Danny Morcom, Jack Norman, Nick Sanders, Mayor George Spearing, Danny Sniff

**City Employees Present:** Heidi Tweedell, Dana Player, Lynn Shedd

**City attorney present:** Danny Love

**At 6:00pm the meeting was called to order by Mayor George Spearing IV.**

**MINUTES:**

The minutes from the January 19, 2023 meeting were approved as submitted. Vote 6-0

**GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT:**

On a motion from Danny Sniff, seconded by Nick Sanders, the February 2023 general fund report was approved as submitted. Vote 6-0

**WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Water Superintendent, George Spearing, reported water wells are doing good. He also said the sheriff's office called about an antenna to go no water tank, there would be no drilling & it would be helpful for emergency services & will not interfere at all with the well. It was decided that the council would like to see the specs before approval. On a motion from Danny Sniff, seconded by Danny Morcom, the final approval will be decided after reviewing the specs. Vote 6-0

Well #2 needs to get back online, Needs a new pump, should be ready by spring & working on a filtration system estimate. Work is estimated to be around \$10k per George Spearing. Oconee Drilling to bring estimate for price per foot. Motion by Danny Morcom & seconded by Danny Sniff to go ahead & approve. Vote 6-0

**WATER FUND REPORT:**

On a motion from Danny Sniff, seconded by Nick Sanders, the February 2023 water fund report was approved as submitted. Vote 6-0  
It was discussed that water deposits needed to be raised.

**TSPLOST REPORT:**

On a motion from Danny Morcom, seconded by Nick Sanders, the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter TSPLOST report was approved as submitted. Vote 6-0

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Mr. Fleming was present & spoke on behalf of the fire dept for a bit. Then the Fire Chief arrived to give more detail on the mill sale & grants info. Mill sale was ok but made enough money to buy some new equipment for one of their guys. They will possibly have 2 more in training. No news right now for the AFG grant. Working on a 501c3 & met with SPLOST about how to best use money towards fire departments.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Lynn Shedd reported info about the dogs at 330 Arnoldsville Road. The son of the residents left the dogs tied to a tree. Issued a 10 day warning. February 18th is the deadline to remove the dogs.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

LMIG funds could be used to pave to the fire hydrant @ Pine Grove Rd where it transitions from asphalt to dirt. Danny Morcom to get estimates (need at least 3) for GDOT approval.

Andy Barrs did not attend in person but he did join for a conference call to give an update after meeting with the Smith group. He also talked w/Jay Paul & William Brown to get their feedback. Jay Paul wasn't fond of more housing but did like the idea of commercial along Hwy 78/Cafe Racer. William Brown advised him there may be grants available to help fund & extend sewer line to Crawford.

Danny Morcom was curious about the cost to annex & it was estimated around \$1000. It can all be annexed but can be changed at a later date w/a new survey.

Appx cost to extend water lines will be around \$300/ft. It's possible city would purchase water line along Arnoldsville Rd. City attorney, Danny Love, reported city insurance was done. Motion was made to move 60% of the fee from the water fund to the general fund. They had already written a check from the general fund. On a motion from Danny Morcom, seconded by Nick Sanders, the council approved moving the funds. Vote 6-0

Danny Love also indicated that 1/2 of the old building is finally gone!

Water Superintendent, George Spearling, said he had talked to some residents on Hargrove Lake Extension about water lines. There are 3 houses & they wanted to know if they could extend the water lines by city approved contractor, Tommy Wheelless & bore by Ricky Blevins. They would pay for the expense.

Danny Sniff mentioned why not just go ahead & put in the 6in line to be ready for potential growth in that area. George Spearling suggested adding a stipulation to require it to be a 6in bore/line. Jack Norman mentioned since it's for possible future growth the city should help pay for some of the new line.

Nick Sanders asked about the follow up on the camper guy. The owner gave Lynn Shedd a push back. Neighbors complain a lot.

At the end of the meeting, Mayor George Spearling submitted his resignation, effective immediately, due to not living in the city limits anymore.

City attorney, Danny Love, called for an executive session. A motion from Danny Morcom & seconded by Danny Sniff, approved the call for an executive session meeting. Executive session was conducted & then Danny Sniff called for a motion to exit, seconded by Nick Sanders. Both votes were 6-0

Motion to adjourn from Danny Sniff, seconded by Nick Sanders. Vote 6-0

Danny Morcom, Mayor Pro-Tem

Date

3/16/23