

**CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 17, 2015**

Present: Mayor Bank, council Members: Norma Craddock, Jack Norman, Lee Norman, Joyce Sniff, George Spearing, IV, City Attorney, Danny Love; City Clerk, Debbie Love

Observers: M. Eidson, M. Fleming, K. Hardman, D. Morcom, Jeff White

Media: Jessica Colquitt

7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order.

The minutes for the regular monthly meeting held on November 19, 2015 were read and approved as submitted on a motion from Joyce Sniff with a second from George Spearing, IV. Vote *4 – 0 (*Council member Lee Norman entered the meeting a few minutes late).

The financial report presented for the month of November for the city's General Fund account was approved on a motion from Lee Norman with a second from Norma Craddock. Vote 5 – 0

The financial report presented for the month of November for the city's Water Fund account was approved on a motion from George Spearing, IV with a second from Joyce Sniff. Vote 5 – 0

Water

Water Superintendent, George Spearing, reported that everything was running fine with the water system. He pointed out that Utility Services Co. is in the process of completing the tank draining procedure that was included in the maintenance contract with their company for this year. Mr. Spearing informed the council that another fire hydrant had been damaged as a result of a car accident on Hargrove Lake Rd. As soon as Spearing receives all estimates and information on the cost of either repairing or replacing the hydrant, he will relay this to City Attorney Danny Love. Love will file a claim with the insurance company of the driver of the vehicle.

Mr. Jeff White of 101 Meyer Farm Rd., Arnoldsville was present to address the council concerning his water bill. Mr. White had a leak back in July of 2015 which resulted in a large amount of water passing through his meter. After several phone conversations and emails between Mr. White and the City Clerk, they came to an agreement to get the overage paid back in a timely manner with the understanding that no late fees would be applied as long as payments were being submitted. Mr. White attended the meeting to discuss the fact that late fees were inadvertently applied to his bill, resulting in extra money being owed. The city clerk explained that this was oversight on her part, and the

late fees would be removed. It was agreed that Mr. White will be responsible for the remaining amount. Mayor Banks, of course, expressed that the city was "sorry" for this oversight and assured Mr. White that the fees would be removed once the record was rechecked.

The next matter of water business was a continuation of the discussion concerning the possibility of adding a deposit system to the current procedure. The city currently implements a non-refundable Application Fee of \$100. Mayor Banks reported that he had spoken with four other water departments inquiring about their deposit procedure and how they handle other situations such as a water customer accruing a bigger bill than usual due to water leaks, broken pipes, etc. The possibility of an additional application form for landlords was also discussed as a means to try and curtail the problem of renters leaving without paying their full water bill. City Attorney Love will come back with more information after researching these matters.

Fire Department

Fire Chief, Mike Eidson was present to report that the fire department had received a great response to the "fund raising letter" they recently sent out. He also reported that new State Standards will be implemented for all county volunteer fire departments requiring stricter regulations for volunteers and departments. Because of some of these new regulations, the fire department will need to purchase a computer and add a phone line. Eidson reported that they had no choice in this because they could lose their accreditation and they could also lose their current ISO rating of 5.5. On a motion from Joyce Sniff with a second from Norma Craddock, the city voted to contribute an additional \$2,500.00 to the fire department to assist in obtaining these goals. Vote 5 – 0

Other Business

Mayor Banks reported that he had found new information on the estimated pricing for new awnings for the city hall building. He estimated that the cost for two new awnings would be \$140 each. The price of dehumidifiers if purchased from Lowe's would be \$250 - \$300 each. After more discussion, Mike Eidson, stated that he could install awnings on the two front windows at a lesser charge. On a motion from Joyce Sniff with a second from George Spearing, IV, the council voted 5 – 0 to let Mr. Eidson handle this project for the city.

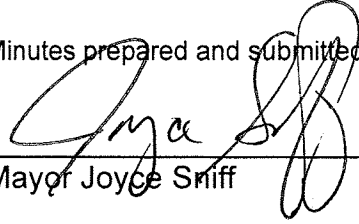
On a motion from Joyce Sniff with a second from Norma Craddock, the council also voted to let Stanley Holmes install the dehumidifiers. Mr. Holmes will also look into a problem with an area of the floor in the city hall building. Vote 5 - 0

City Attorney Love reminded the council that the annual insurance will be coming due in February. He also announced that the swearing in of the new mayor and council members will be conducted at the January 2016 meeting.

Mayor Banks said a thank you to the council and others for their help and assistance during his tenure as mayor.

8:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn from Jack Norman with a second from Joyce Sniff.
Vote 5 - 0

Minutes prepared and submitted by Debbie Love, City Clerk, January 21, 2016.



Mayor Joyce Sniff

1-21-16

Date