

# CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 17, 2016 – 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor George Spearing, IV; Council Members: Greg Banks, Norma Craddock; Danny Morcom, Jack Norman, Lee Norman,; City Attorney, Danny Love; Water Super., George Spearing, III

Observers: Joyce Sniff, Justin Crighton (NEGRC)

Media: Jessica Colquitt

## Minutes

On a motion by Jack Norman, seconded by Lee Norman, the minutes for the October 27, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted. 5 - 0

## General Fund Financials

On a motion by Lee Norman seconded by Danny Morcom, the October General Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. 5-0

## Comprehensive Plan

Next on the agenda was Mr. Justin Crighton of the NEGRC. Mr. Crighton was present to review the city's most recent comprehensive plan and to hold a "Plan-Implementation Meeting (PIM). Mr. Crighton discussed the upcoming deadline of October, 2017 for the city's plan and answered various questions and concerns regarding this plan. The council will make plans to review and update the current plan in order to meet the deadline.

## Everett Thomas

Mr. Everett Thomas had called to request that he be placed on the Agenda for the meeting, but was not present.

## Budget

The next item of business was the proposed budget as presented by the committee. After a brief discussion, the 2017 Budget was unanimously approved on a motion from Jack Norman with a second from Norma Craddock. 5 – 0

## Fire Department

The Mayor reminded everyone about the upcoming fundraiser that will be held by the fire department.

## Water

George Spearing, III reported that the county is currently in Drought – Level I. He stated that so far, the city is following the rules on water usage and there have been no restrictions implemented. Mayor Spearing asked if he thought there would be possible restrictions next month. Water Superintendent Spearing noted that it would just depend on how long it was before we had more rain. He also stated that the city is not running at full capacity at this time.

Council member Norma Craddock mentioned that she was pleased to learn that the copper & lead testing results were good.

The representative regarding the water leak insurance will attend the January 2017 meeting.

The next item under the water agenda was a request from Water Superintendent George Spearing, III to purchase a new piece of equipment. He had received three bids for a Water Utility Locator. After a brief discussion on the bids, the council voted on a motion made by Greg Banks and seconded by Danny Morcom to purchase this equipment from the lowest bidder, Ferguson Waterworks. The bid was for \$3,939.15. Vote 5 – 0

It was noted that this is the first piece of equipment purchased by the city for the water department.

## Water Fund Financials

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

## LMIG

Mayor Spearing reported that the paving of Stewart Circle was complete including the removal of the tree. These services were provided by Cowart Tree Service and Garrett Paving. Oglethorpe County also installed two extra pipes for this project.

The city will look at the possibility of applying for the next LMIG funds to pave Oak St. and Spring St.

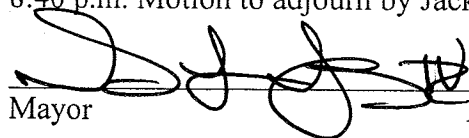
Other Business

Council member Morcom inquired about the status of the sign stating "Slow, Children At Play." Mayor Spearing reported that he and Attorney Love had researched the legality of this signage and discovered that it is not actually an encouraged or legal sign. Stated that surveys had indicated that such signs "encourage children to play in the street."

Zoning

A new DRAFT COPY of the zoning ordinance was distributed to each council member for their review. The city will hold the first public zoning meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

8:40 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Jack Norman with a second from Lee Norman. 5-0

 12/15/16  
Mayor Date

Minutes prepared and submitted by Clerk, Debbie Love, December 15, 2016