

CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 17, 2019

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

Visitors: H. Baker, J. House, M. Echols

Media: Jessica Colquitt

7:05 PM - Meeting was called to order by Mayor George L. Spearing, IV

Minutes

On a motion by Norma Craddock, seconded by Lee Norman, the minutes for the November 15, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted. 5 – 0 (No December meeting was held)

General Fund Financials

On a motion by Jack Norman seconded by Danny Morcom, the November 2018 General Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. 5 – 0

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Water

Water Superintendent George L. Spearing, III reported that everything is fine with the water system with no current problems.

Water Fund Financials

On a motion from Norma Craddock with a second from Danny Morcom, the November 2018 Water Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 5 - 0

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Fire Department

Fire Chief, Heath Baker reported that everything was running fine with the fire dept. at this time. They have applied for a 50/50 Grant to purchase a new hose. Baker stated that their county funding should be coming in the next week. Baker reported that they may be able to acquire an ISO rating of 3 before their next review. Two new firemen, Jonathan House and Matt Echols, were present to express their gratitude to the city for the purchase of their radios and gear. The fire dept. currently has 14 active firemen. Mayor Spearing inquired about the progress of the new driveway to the fire dept. Baker stated he had nothing to report.

Code Enforcement/Zoning

Code Enforcement Officer Lynn Shedd reported that he had issued one warning for trash accumulation in Creekside subdivision. Nothing else to report.

Mayor Spearing expressed thanks to Mr. Shedd regarding the completion of the pressure washing and cool sealing of the city hall building.

Annexation Research

Mayor Spearing spoke to property owner, William C. Fleming regarding the annexation of his property into the city limits. A verbal approval was received from Mr. Fleming. The other property owner affected by this annexation is the Arnoldsville Volunteer Fire Department. Once the Board of Directors of the Fire Department agree to sign the form required for this process as well as Mr. Fleming, the city attorney will start the procedure which will include drafting an ordinance to do the annexation, notifying the newspaper and having the newly annexed property added to the map of the Arnoldsville City Limits.

On a motion from Danny Morcom with a second from the Lee Norman, the council voted to allow City Attorney Love to contact the surveyor to determine if it would be necessary to add the property to the city limits map.

New Business

Water Application Fees/Deposit and Tap Fees

Next on the agenda was the item of the current Water Application. Mayor Spearing asked if the city should consider modifications to the application and the process. The possibility of switching from the current non-refundable application fee of \$100 to a deposit system was discussed. This was mentioned as a result of the ongoing problem of water customers leaving owing a balance on their water bill. The mayor also asked the council to think about increasing the tap fees that are currently in place. Water Superintendent George Spearing pointed out that there has been at least a 10% increase in equipment etc. required to maintain the water system. It was also mentioned that the tap fees had never been increased since they were implemented back

in 2001. The mayor asked the council to consider the deposit issue along with the increase in tap fees for the next meeting. City Clerk Debbie Love will also provide data from the past year regarding an estimate on how much revenue the city lost due to unpaid water bills etc.

New City Hall Planning

Mayor Spearing announced that he would like for the council to seriously begin the development and planning of a new city hall building. He stated that because it would be a long process, he would suggest that the council start with holding called meetings separately to discuss all aspects of a new city hall. The council voted to hold the first meeting for this purpose on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

LMIG Funding

Mayor Spearing announced that the city had received their LMIG Funding allotment for 2018 and 2019. A check for \$9,368.77 was received from the DOT for these funds. The city will be responsible for either rolling this money over again for one more year or providing 30% of the total toward a project. The council discussed the possibility of going ahead with the paving of City Hall Drive depending on how much the quotes would be.

Insurance Renewal

The annual insurance renewal payment is due on February 10, 2019. The quote received from the insurance company by City Attorney Love is for \$8,342.00, an increase of 3% over last year's premium. After some discussion of some possible reductions to the coverage, the council agreed that the city attorney should proceed with getting the policy renewed.

SPLOST

Council member Greg Banks inquired about the upcoming widening of the Arnoldsville/Winterville Rd. and what the funding methods will be etc. His concern was whether or not the city will need to submit anything before the project actually begins.

8:30 p.m. Motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Danny Morcom with a second from Greg Banks to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of discussing property and possible litigation. Vote 5 - 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8:50 p.m. Motion to adjourn Executive Session and go back into the regular meeting was made by Greg Banks with a second from Lee Norman. Vote 5 - 0

Regular Meeting Resumed

On a motion from Danny Morcom with a second from Jack Norman, the council voted to accept the lease agreement proposed by the U.S .Postal Service for another five years. Vote 5 – 0

On a motion from Danny Morcom with a second from Lee Norman, the council voted to grant the city clerk permission to pay the litigation fees of the city attorney submitted on this date, Thursday, January 17, 2019. Vote 5 – 0

8:55 p.m. Motion to adjourn from Greg Banks with a second from Lee Norman. Vote 5 - 0

Mayor Spearing

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Mayor Date

Minutes prepared and submitted by Clerk, Debbie Love, February 21, 2019