

**CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

May 18, 2017 – 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; Zoning Officer, Lynn Shedd; City Clerk, Debbie Love

Observers: M. Fleming, B. Seagraves, J. Sniff

Media: Jessica Colquitt

Minutes

7:00 PM

On a motion by Jack Norman, seconded by Lee Norman, the minutes for the April 20, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted. 5 – 0

General Fund Financials

On a motion by Norma Craddock seconded by Jack Norman, the April General Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. 5-0

Water

Water Superintendent George Spearing, III reported that both water tanks have been washed out and ready for two years. Nothing major was discovered during the process. Spearing noted that seven new customers will be hooking onto the water system. He also reported about an instance where locks & valves were broken on one of the new building sites. These charges of \$250 each for a total of \$500 have already been covered by the builder.

Mayor George Spearing, IV asked the Council if they thought something needed to be put into place to cover any occurrences that may come up in the future concerning damaged locks etc. by contractors. Water Superintendent G. Spearing, III stated that a lock has been developed to prevent this from happening at an approximate cost of \$40 each. After a discussion regarding the \$250 charge which the council decided was fair, Council Member Greg Banks made a motion to authorize Water Super. George Spearing, III to purchase the valve locks. The motion was seconded by Norma Craddock. Vote 5 – 0

Next, Mayor Spearing presented the estimated recently received from Delta Municipal for the new handheld unit. The estimate was for \$7,950.00 to purchase the unit. On a motion from Norma Craddock with a second from Danny Morcom, the council voted to okay this purchase. Vote 5 – 0

On the subject of water, Council Member Norma Craddock inquired about the possibility of paying extra toward the principal on the GEFA notes. Council member Lee Norman asked "why" on interest free loans? City Clerk, Debbie Love will look into this matter.

Water Fund Financials

On a motion from Lee Norman with a second from Danny Morcom, the April Water Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 5 - 0

Fire Department

The fire department was represented by Melvin Fleming. He stated that everything had been quiet and all equipment was in good shape.

Comprehensive Plan

Josh Hawkins of the Oglethorpe County Board of Commissioners Zoning Office and Amy Stone, Oglethorpe County Economic Development Director were present to answer any questions concerning the Comprehensive Plan. After a brief discussion regarding what the city is asked to do for this plan, City Attorney Love clarified for the council that the Comprehensive Plan is just a "guidepost...a vision for the future." It is not a plan "set in stone." Mr. Hawkins and Ms. Stone reiterated to the council that they are always open for feedback and welcomed council members to check out the website concerning this plan.

Zoning

Mayor Spearing provided the Zoning Officer with the new Warning Notices and Violation Notices that have been developed for use in the city.

A third member is still needed for the Appeals Board. Possible candidates for the third position will be notified to attend the next meeting.

Water Loss Protection Plan

The council voted to adopt the Resolution presented by City Attorney Love regarding the establishment of a Water Leak Cost Protection Program. This motion was made by Norma Craddock with a second from Greg Banks. Vote 5 - 0 (Copy attached)

Survey

City Attorney Love reported that the Survey requested by the council regarding the city property located behind the post office should be done by the next meeting.

Other Business

Council member Danny Morcom inquired about obtaining signs to mark the location of the fire department. Mayor Spearing stated that this could be included in the next LMIG project.

Council member Greg Banks asked about the need to notify Oglethorpe County regarding the new Zoning for the city and the issuing of permits and collection of permit fees. On a motion from Jack Norman with a second from Greg Banks, the council voted for City Attorney Love to submit this information in a written letter to Oglethorpe County. Vote 5 – 0

8:30 PM Motion by Jack Norman to adjourn with a second from Greg Banks. Vote 5 - 0



Mayor

 6/15/17
Date

Minutes prepared and submitted by Clerk, Debbie Love, June 15, 2017