

# CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 20, 2018, 2018

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

Visitors: M. Fleming, B. Seagraves

Media: Jessica Colquitt

7:00 PM - Meeting was called to order by Mayor George L. Spearing, IV  
(Council member Greg Banks entered the meeting at 7:30)

## Minutes

On a motion by Lee Norman, seconded by Jack Norman, the minutes for the August 16, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted. 4 - 0

## General Fund Financials

On a motion by Jack Norman seconded by Norma Craddock, the August 2018 General Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. 4 - 0

## Water

Water Superintendent George L. Spearing, III reported that everything is fine with the water system. Both tanks are full.

Motion from Danny Morcom with a second from Norma Craddock to have City Attorney Love read only the Preamble to the Wellhead Protection Plan as the first reading for the new ordinance due to the length of the document. Vote in favor was 4-0

City Attorney Danny Love gave the first reading for the Wellhead Protection Plan Ordinance.

## Water Fund Financials

On a motion from Norma Craddock with a second from Danny Morcom, the August 2018 Water Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 4 - 0

## **Fire Department**

Heath Baker, Arnoldsville Fire Chief, was present to report for the fire department. The department has two new members that have started classes and will receive all training available to get certified. Baker reported that gear and radios will need to be purchased in December when the new members are finished with their training. They also currently have two high schoolers observing who are planning to join as soon as they are eligible.

The Annual Bar-B-Q Fund Raiser will be held on October 27, 2018 from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM at Crossroads in Arnoldsville.

The fire dept. is currently looking for a donated brush truck as the one they have has begun giving problems with repair costs at \$1,600 in six weeks. They can use the Rescue Truck if necessary.

Baker has been receiving ISO Complaints from citizens after changes made by the Corporate Office in the ISO have resulted in an increase in rates for some people in the Arnoldsville area. Oglethorpe County is still pushing the Consolidation Plan but Baker stated that as of right now, the Arnoldsville Volunteer Fire Department will not be joining the county consolidation. After more research, it was determined that the current excellent ISO rating of 4 for Arnoldsville would go up due to being combined with other areas in the county with higher ratings. Thus, the reason for not joining.

## **Code Enforcement/Zoning**

Code Enforcement Officer Lynn Shedd was not present. Mayor Spearing indicated that after speaking with Mr. Shedd, there is nothing new or pending regarding code enforcement or zoning at this time.”

## **LMIG**

Mayor Spearing reiterated that the city plans on rolling LMIG funds over to be combined with future years to complete work on City Hall Drive. The application will be completed and submitted.

## **Other Business**

A Budget Committee was named which included Council Members Norma Craddock and Greg Banks along with Mayor Spearing. The budget meeting was set for Wednesday, September 26, 2018 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall to determine the budget for 2019.

Next in other business was the question regarding a tree that needs to be taken down located on Stewart Circle. Mayor Spearing reported that there is no state assistance available in handling the removal of the tree. An estimate of \$1,100 has been received from a local tree service. The tree service is six weeks out on work. On a motion from Danny Morcom with a second from Greg Banks, the council voted to go with the quote obtained from Tommy Cowart for the tree removal. Vote 5 – 0

The city clerk will submit a letter to the property owner informing them of this decision.

Council member Danny Morcom asked that the council discuss the possibility of annexing the fire department into the city limits. Mr. Morcom stated that he felt it would be in the best interest of the fire department and it would “protect them in the long run.” After some discussion, it was decided that City Attorney Love would research Annexation Boundaries/Requirements to be presented at the next meeting.

Jack Norman inquired about purchasing new flags to replace the two that were recently stolen. On a motion from Jack Norman with a second from Danny Morcom, the council voted to replace the flags. Vote 5 – 0

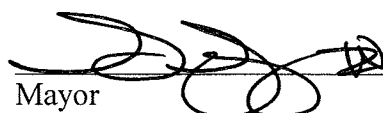
7:55 PM On a motion from Danny Morcom with a second from Jack Norman, the council entered into EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss possible litigation issues. Vote 5 - 0

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

8:15 PM On a motion from Jack Norman with a second from Norma Craddock, the council voted to end the Executive Session and enter back into the regular meeting. Vote 5 – 0

8:15 PM – Regular meeting resumed.

8:20 PM – Adjourned with a motion from Jack Norman with a second from Greg Banks. Vote 5-0

  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Date 10-18-18

Minutes prepared and submitted by Clerk, Debbie Love, October 18, 2018