

CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 17, 2016

Present: Mayor Sniff, Council Members: Greg Banks, Norma Craddock, Jack Norman, Lee Norman, George Spearing, IV; Water Superintendent, George Spearing, III; City Attorney, Danny Love; City Clerk, Debbie Love

Observers: M. Fleming, M. Eidson, D. Morcom

Media: Jessica Colquitt

7:00 p.m. Letter of resignation submitted by Mayor Sniff
(copy attached)

7:05 p.m. Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem George Spearing, IV.

The minutes for the regular monthly meeting held on February 18, 2016 were read and approved as submitted on a motion from Jack Norman with a second from Norma Craddock. Vote 4 – 0.

The financial report presented for the month of February for the city's General Fund account was approved on a motion from Greg Banks with a second from Lee Norman. Vote 4 – 0

The financial report presented for the month of February for the city's Water Fund account was approved on a motion from Lee Norman with a second from Greg Banks. Vote 4 – 0

Water

Water Superintendent, George Spearing, III reported that all of the wells are running fine at this time. He also mentioned that recent houses that were built in the Hannah's Walk, Shadow Lake and Stonebrooke subdivisions are being purchased.

Next Mr. Spearing reported that Tank Pro, Inc. had contacted him and they will be conducting a visual inspection now of the Yancey Rd. water tank and will drain and clean in the fall.

Fire Department

Fire Chief, Mike Eidson reported that all is fine with the fire department at this time. He stated that the small truck that has been equipped by the fire department was used today (3/17/16) on a brush fire and the performance was great. The small truck can be handled by one man and is able to get into small places much better than the larger trucks. He also mentioned that they may be looking to hold a fund raiser late in May.

Other Business

The next item on the Agenda was the application for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. During the discussion, it was mentioned that the city of Lexington had recently decided to withdraw from their previous plan to participate in this county solicited program. With this information, the council also decided to put a hold on their decision until city attorney Love can research further into possible costs and coverage of this insurance plan.

City Clerk Debbie Love announced that due to the resignation of Mayor Sniff, qualifying for a special election would be held on April 12, 13 and 14 each day from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. If an election is needed, it will be held on May 24, 2016, the same day as the Oglethorpe County Primary. City attorney Love also added that according to the City Charter, if any current council member decided to qualify for the mayor's slot, the council can appoint up to two new council members without going through a special election.

Mayor Pro Tem George Spearing IV inquired about the progress on the possible projects sponsored by the DOT through the OSS program. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Jack Norman with a second from Lee Norman to pursue the OSS funding to remove the tree on Stewart Circle which will hopefully be considered vegetation and a safety issue. This would then enable the council to pursue the paving project on Stewart Circle with current and future LMIG funds.

City Attorney Love reported that he had made a call to the property owners regarding the dangerous situation with the trees on the adjoining property to city hall. Love stated that the city is not able to "make them do anything...if the tree falls and does damage, they have been put on notice."

8:35 PM The meeting was adjourned on a motion from Greg Banks with a second from Norma Craddock. Vote 4 - 0



Mayor Pro Tem

4-21-16

Date

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

Joyce H. Sniff
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March 17, 2016

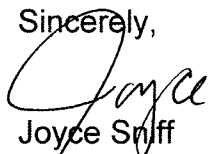
Arnoldsville City Council
Arnoldsville, GA 30619

Dear Colleagues,

It is with sincere regret that I must tender my resignation as mayor of Arnoldsville. I love this city and wish that I could remain in this position, but according to the Georgia constitution, "The office of any state, county, or municipal elected official shall be declared vacant upon such elected official qualifying.....for another state, county or municipal elective office.....if the term of the office for which such official is qualifying for begins more than 30 days prior to the expiration of such official's present term of office." I hope this does not come as a surprise to any of you as I have voiced my desire to seek a position on the Oglethorpe County Board of Education (BOE) numerous times. I qualified for the position of BOE representative for District 4 on March 7, 2016 thus declaring my office as mayor of Arnoldsville vacant. It is my hope that I will be able to continue involvement in city matters, especially with regard to the zoning ordinance revision in progress.

I have enjoyed the friendship and camaraderie of the past six years serving on the city council. I do apologize for accepting the position of mayor without properly investigating whether I could serve in both positions. I truly regret making the city hold a special election.

Sincerely,


Joyce Sniff

