

CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 17, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor George Spearing, IV; Council Members: Norma Craddick; Danny Morcom, Jack Norman; Danny Sniff; Tracy Massey; City Attorney, Danny Love; Water Super., George Spearing, III; Betty Coy, City Clerk

Observers: Heath Baker, Stanley McNeil

Minutes

Meeting was called to Order by Mayor George Spearing, IV,

On a motion by Jack Norman, seconded by Danny Sniff, the minutes for the February 17, 2022 meeting were approved as submitted. 5 - 0

General Fund Financials

On a motion by Danny Sniff, seconded by Tracy Massey, the February General Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. 5-0

Water

Water Superintendent George Spearing, III reported that all equipment is running good at this time with no leaks. There have been applications for 9-10 new water taps.

Water Fund Financials

On a motion by Danny Morcom seconded by Jack Norman, the February Water Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. 5-0

Fire Department

Chief Heath Baker spoke on behalf of the fire department. Stanley McNeil was present and is the new Assistant Fire Chief and will be attending City Council Meetings. The Arnoldsville Fire Department had approximately 95 total calls in 2021 including three structure fires. AVFD has several new members and currently has 16 certified firefighters. The recent chicken mull fundraiser did very well and allowed for a generator to be replaced on a truck. The AVFD is scheduled for a visit/evaluation from the ISO regarding the fire rating. Jack Norman expressed that he “appreciates the fire department.”

Code Enforcement

Land Use Officer/Code Enforcement Officer Lynn Shedd was not present due to medical issues. Attorney Love spoke about the requirements for public notice and a public meeting concerning Mr. Jamie Allgood's request for an amendment to the current zoning ordinance regarding manufactured homes. Motion for public meeting on April 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. made by Danny Sniff; Seconded by Danny Morcom. Voted and passed by City Council 5-0.

City Hall Sign

Councilperson Danny Sniff was still working on contacting contractors about the new City Hall sign and an awning for City Hall. Contractors are very busy.

Old City Hall Building

City Attorney Love was asked to contact Paul Bunce regarding information about the removal of the old City Hall building.

Other Business

Councilperson Tracy Massey had recently completed city council training and wanted to discuss several issues, including but not limited to the following:

1) Opening a Home Depot Account. Other members of the City Council stated the City has an account with Lowe's Hardware which is much closer.

2) Post Agenda on door/bulletin board as soon as possible before the meetings. All city council persons agreed that this would be fine.

3) Rules of decorum for meetings during the public comment portion of the council meeting.

4) A community bulletin board for community notices posted at City Hall and more social media. Mayor Spearing suggested possibly adding this to the City Hall sign proposal when the City finalizes plans.

5) A four-way stop/improvements to intersection of Arnoldsville and Yancey Road. This is part of the next LMIG project.

6) Business licenses, occupation taxes and fees for businesses in Arnoldsville. City Councilpersons stated that since we have so few businesses (2-4) that it would not be economically feasible to enforce business license and fees at this time. There is currently an "overturned" ordinance that could be revived if the City determines to enforce business licenses.

Alcohol Ordinance

City Attorney Love distributed copies of examples of alcohol ordinances for the City Council to review. A called meeting will be held on April 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. for the City Council to discuss an Alcohol Ordinance for the City.

Executive Session

Councilperson Tracy Massey requested that the City Council go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. This was seconded and voted on by the council. 5-0

The City came out of executive session and returned to the regular meeting.

Adjourn

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voted on by the council. 5-0

Mayor  _____

Date 4/21/22 _____

Minutes prepared and submitted by City Attorney, James D. Love, April 21, 2022