

# CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING April 21, 2015

Present: Mayor Banks, Council Members: Norma Craddock, Jack Norman, Joyce Sniff, George Spearing IV; City Attorney, Danny Love; Water Superintendent, George Spearing, III; City Clerk, Debbie Love; Note: Council member Lee Norman was absent due to family medical needs.

Observers: M. Fleming, J. Germany, C. Huff, D. Morcom, B. Seagraves

Media: Jessica Colquitt

7:05 PM Mayor Banks called the meeting to order.

The minutes for the regular monthly meeting held on March 17, 2015 were read and approved as submitted on a motion from Norma Craddock and a second from George Spearing, IV. Vote 4 - 0

The financial report presented for the month of March for the city's General Fund account was approved on a motion from George Spearing, IV with a second from Joyce Sniff. Vote 4 - 0

The financial report presented for the month of March for the city's Water Fund account was approved on a motion from Joyce Sniff with a second from Jack Norman. Vote 4 - 0

## Water

Water Superintendent, George Spearing, III reported that all wells are doing fine at this time. Water usage is down right now due to the large amount of rain. Mr. Spearing also reported that Utility Service Co. was supposed to be coming soon to check and do maintenance on the tank in the city limits.

Mayor Banks inquired about the status of the completion of the installation of the replacement waterline on Yancey Rd. Spearing reported that the project was almost complete. He also mentioned that he would be taking the blue tank located at 90 Meyer Farm out soon.

Jack Norman asked if Utility Services Co. will notify the residents when they are cleaning/draining the tank? Spearing said that this maintenance should not be noticeable.

## Fire Department

Mr. Melvin Fleming reported on behalf of the Fire Department. He said they had no problems at this time and were "hope to have none." Norma Craddock reported that the fire department had gone on 50 calls this year so far. She also reported that the fire dept. currently has \$16,200.00 in the treasury but they would soon have to pay about \$5,000.00 in insurance for the year.

## Other Business

Mr. Jimmy Germany was present to speak with the council on the additional shrubbery that the Class of 1955 are wanting to plant near and around the recent monument that was erected in memory of the old Arnoldsville School. Joyce Sniff stated that this gesture is appreciated and it will make the area better. On a motion from Joyce Sniff with a second from Jack Norman, the council voted to allow the Class of 1955 to plant crepe myrtles and slow growing shrubbery near and around the monument. Vote 4 - 0

The council then went back to discuss the possibility of raising water rates. Joyce Sniff withdrew her original proposal stating that she had decided that she would prefer the plan submitted by council member George Spearing, IV. Council member Norma Craddock inquired about exactly what kind of money would be obtained from raising the rates. "What was the council looking for?" Mayor Banks stated that the city is just breaking even on the water proceeds and they need just a small cushion. Council member Joyce Sniff pointed out that the water budget ran short last year. Jack Norman made a motion to increase the amount of the Application Fee from \$50 to \$100 and to increase water rates according to the option presented by George Spearing, IV. Vote 4 - 0. Norma Craddock made a motion to change the reconnect fees from \$25 (1<sup>st</sup> time) to \$50 (1<sup>st</sup> time) and \$100 per each additional time. Vote 4 - 0

City Attorney Danny Love reported that he had heard from the property manager of the trees that have been discussed in recent meetings because of concern for safety if the tree/trees fall. They are planning on coming to Arnoldsville in the next week or so to look at the trees and make a decision regarding what can be done.

Council Member Joyce Sniff asked if it would be possible to get the city hall building pressure washed? Mayor Banks will be looking into this and bring that information to the next meeting.

Ms. Sniff also reported that she has been asked by city residents if there is a limit to the amount of space between speed limit signs? Mayor Banks stated that it would be no problem to purchase additional signs, but he feels that it won't do any good. It was decided that the next sign purchase may include extra speed limit signs.

Mr. Clifford Huff of Pine Grove Rd., was present to inquire about how to get his road scraped. He stated that he had called the county commission about that and they replied that the city was responsible for this scraping. Mayor Banks stated that he would call the county to see what could be done.

8:13 PM Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Debbie Love, City Clerk, May 19, 2015

  
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Mayor Greg Banks

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