City of Arnoldsville

City Council Meeting Minutes 08/18/2022

Council Present:

Norma Craddock, Danny Morcom, Jack Norman, Danny Sniff, Nick Sanders

Observers/Visitors:

Melvin Fleming, George Spearing III, Lynn Shedd, Heath Baker

At 7:00 pm the meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem, Danny Morcom. Mayor George Spearing was absent due to being sick.

MINUTES:

On a motion from Jack Norman, seconded by Norma Craddock, the minutes for the July 21, 2022 regular meeting were approved as submitted. Vote 5-0

GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT:

On a motion from Jack Norman, seconded by Danny Sniff, the August 2022 General Fund Financial report was approved as submitted. Vote 5-0

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Water superintendent, George Spearing, III, didn't have much new news but that all wells were running good at the time. He did report that the well on GW Bray Road still needs some work. Spearing also report that the new tractor purchased by the city using funds from the American Rescue Fund had been used a couple of times so far & also reported that insurance coverage has been purchased for the tractor.

WATER FUND FINANCIAL REPORT:

On a motion from Danny Sniff, seconded by Nick Sanders, the August 2022 Water Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 5-0

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief, Heath Baker was present to give a report on things going on with the fire department. Their next meeting is September 7 @ 5:45pm & will be held at city hall. Our city hall also be hosting a Hazmat class for the fire department on Saturday, 8/27 from 8am-5pm.

He also reported that ISO inspections have been done & still waiting on tentative results from those.

They are in need of 2 more engines. Heath also mentioned he has found a new engine at a great price & will also come with all the equipment & a free "like new" hose. After having several firemen pass out during the extreme temps this past summer, this new engine has A/C & is a bit more of an updated engine for them to use. They are also looking into getting a new dispatch system, radios & pagers & gas cards to make it easier to fuel up instead of driving all the way into the county for fuel. Another goal is to replace the brush truck in the next 12 months.

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Their long-time treasurer, Norma Craddock, has retired & they are currently interviewing someone for that position.

The fire department fundraiser will be October 29 & they will be selling pork & stew by the pound.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING:

Lynn Shedd reported he did 3 inspections & 1 set one power pole.

OLD BUSINESS:

Danny Morcom has finalized plans with the donor for the new city hall marker. He passed around the final drawing of it & hoped to have it set soon. Everyone voted yes on the new design. Vote 5-0 LMIG report: Reminders were discussed about deadlines for applications to be submitted by February 1, 2023.

OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Council member Jack Norman mentioned we needed to replace the American Flag out front of city hall. Everyone agreed we would find a nice new flag, made in the USA & purchase it soon. Vote 5-0

City Clerk assistant, Heidi Tweedell, suggested having the council members photos taken to hang up & also work on trying to get photos of previous Arnoldsville mayors to add to the collection.

Mayor Spearing was not present but had presented ideas to raise water service fees due to equipment costs rapidly rising. Water superintendent, George Spearing mentioned that he has noticed it is getting difficult to find replacement parts & that copper fittings are getting very expensive. Several council members mentioned that we are still well below the cost than other surrounding cities for these fees. Danny Sniff noted that it was approximately a 7-8% increase from our current prices. It was voted 5-0 to raise prices on certain fees & then broach the subject again to see how equipment costs are running.

Prices will be as follows beginning September 1, 2022

Application fee:

Currently: \$125 Proposed: \$175

Tap-on fees:

Inside city limits: Currently \$700 Proposed: \$800 Outside city limits: Currently \$1,200 Proposed: \$1,500

Bore:

Currently: \$550 Proposed: \$700

Equipment Damage by Customer-Repairs
Meter Box-Currently \$50 Proposed \$100
Meter box lid- Currently \$25 Proposed \$50
Antenna-Currently \$50 Proposed \$100
Damaged Lock-Currently \$25 Proposed \$50

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Danny Morcom, Mayor Pro-Tem

Minutes prepared & submitted by Heidi Tweedell, City Clerk, August 29, 2022

Date