

CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 20, 2021

Council Present: Mayor George Spearing IV Norma Craddock Danny Morcom
Jack Norman Lee Norman Danny Sniff

Media: Jessica Colquitt

Visitors: M. Fleming, Heath Baker

7:00 PM - Meeting called to order

Minutes

On a motion from Jack Norman, seconded by Lee Norman, the minutes for the April 15, 2021 regular meeting were approved as submitted. Vote 5-0

General Fund Financial Report

On a motion from Norma Craddock seconded by Jack Norman, the April General Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 5-0

Water Department Report

Water Superintendent, George L. Spearing, III, reported that all wells are running fine. They are using more during the warm weather but no problems with water reduction. Mr. Spearing reported that he was collecting estimates from various companies regarding the purchase of new infiltration systems. These systems will fit inside each wellhouse wherever they are needed. Spearing stated that discoloration of the water is a common issue with all water systems. He also mentioned that the EPA does not currently have any rules regarding discoloration, only bacteria. City Attorney Love mentioned that he recalled in some past instances of reported discolored water that it had been due to the fire departments refilling trucks from random fire hydrants. The city had previously sent a letter out to all fire departments asking them to use specific hydrants when refilling after dealing with a fire. Of course, when a fire is happening, the most convenient and closest hydrant is to be utilized, but if possible, it is better to use certain hydrants when there is no emergency to cut down on stirring up sediment. Love inquired if it would be beneficial for the city to send this request out again.

Mayor Spearing mentioned the possibility of scheduling a public meeting regarding water issues in the near future. Councilman Sniff asked if the information could be distributed in the water bills. Mayor Spearing stated that a public forum inviting a representative from the EPD would probably be best.

One more item that needs attention regarding equipment is the purchase of a tank flag. It was decided that this would be included with the next scheduled tank maintenance.

Mayor Spearing emphasized getting started on moving forward with getting the infiltration systems installed.

Water Fund Financial Report

On a motion from Danny Sniff with a second from Danny Morcom, the April 2021 Water Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 5-0

Construction Account Report

On a motion from Danny Morcom with a second from Danny Sniff, the monthly Construction Account Report was approved as submitted. Vote 5-0

Fire Department

Heath Baker, Fire Chief, was present to give a report from the fire department. Baker stated that they had been on a few calls recently, mostly car accidents on Hwy. 78. The fire department recently sent out 650 donation request letters. This was three times as many as two years ago with 40 out of 650 responses so far. The new bay in the fire hall is complete with the exception of painting. One of the firemen is an electrician and he recently rewired the whole fire station. They are purchasing a TV for training. The yearly testing for ISO was completed on this date, 5/20/2021.

Code Enforcement

Lynn Shedd reported that he had issued one electrical permit in the past month.

Other Business

●City Hall Marker

Mayor Spearing reported that they are waiting to remove the old marker until a new water tap that requires the use of a tractor takes place. Due to the fact that Arnoldsville has to rent the tractor from Lexington, he stated it would be better to wait and take care of both items in the same trip. Once that is completed, an updated sign will be installed.

●Sale of Old City Hall Building

No further inquiries have been received regarding the sale of the old city hall building. On a motion from Danny Morcom with a second from Danny Sniff, the council voted to place an ad on Gov.deals.com to try and sell the old city hall. Vote 5-0 Mayor Spearing will complete the requirements for posting the ad.

●Federal Recovery Funding

Mayor Spearing stated that he had nothing new to report on the funding. All required paperwork has been submitted at this stage. We're just waiting for the next steps.

●2019 Audit

City Clerk Love reported that the 2019 Audit had not been completed as of today, May 20, 2021. The current auditor, Hawkins & McNair, is still having problems getting caught up from COVID etc. The council decided the best option at this point was to obtain the 2019 Audit first, then decide about the 2020 Audit.

8:00 PM Meeting adjourned on a motion from Danny Sniff with a second from Norma Craddock.

  
Mayor Date

Minutes prepared and submitted by Clerk, Debbie Love, June 17, 2021