

CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 23, 2022

Council Present: Norma Craddock Tracy Massey Danny Morcom
Jack Norman Danny Sniff (absent)

Observers: M. Fleming, N. Sanders, J. Willcox

7:00 PM - Meeting called to order by Mayor Spearing

Minutes

On a motion from Jack Norman, seconded by Norma Craddock, the minutes for the May 19, 2022 regular meeting were approved as submitted. Vote 3 approved 1 abstained

General Fund Financial Report

On a motion from Norma Craddock, seconded by Jack Norman the May General Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 3 approved 1 abstained

Water Department Report

Water Superintendent George Spearing, III reported that Oconee Well Drillers will get to the city's request to repair the GW Bray Well as soon as they can. They are currently concentrating on poultry farms with the dry weather that has occurred. He stated that the pump would have to be pulled when they are able to check the well out.

Spearing reported that he had recently had three chlorine tanks installed, each in a different wellhouse. These tanks have injection pumps containing chlorine. This system will enable Spearing to keep the chlorine amounts in the water system at the correct EPA levels. He feels that this will be a more accurate and effective way to disperse chlorine. Weather always affects chlorine levels, especially in the summer. He did say that we may receive calls regarding the chlorine smell but that it is not harmful.

Water Fund Financial Report

On a motion from Jack Norman with a second from Danny Morcom, the May Water Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 3 approved 1 abstained

Fire Department

Stan McNeil, Assistant Fire Chief, was present to give updates on the fire department. McNeil reported that they had been to several fires recently. The Fire Department will be on standby at Grove Chapel Church on Saturday, June 26 for the Fireworks Show sponsored by the church. This is due to the recent dry weather and a possible fire hazard. They will also be on standby at the Fireworks sponsored by Bryan Park in Oglethorpe County.

McNeil reported that the Fire Department will have Hazmat Training beginning at 8:00 AM on Saturday, August 27, 2022. The Fire Department has also requested that they be able to hold their July 6 and August 3 meetings at the City Hall building due to the fact that they do not have air conditioning at the Fire Hall and this would be a big help. The Council agreed.

McNeil again expressed appreciation to the council for the assistance given regarding the purchase of the 4 BA packs they recently purchased. Mayor Spearing stated that it was a "good investment."

Fire Chief Baker and Assistant Chief McNeil had recently completed three days of training in North Georgia. This was paid for by the State of Georgia.

Zoning

Land Use and Code Enforcement Officer Lynn Shedd reported that he had issued several permits. Shedd also mentioned that he had heard from someone regarding the purchase of the "Wriclay" Property and that he (Shedd) had advised them that they may want to speak to the council about the possibility of annexing the 120 acres into the city limits due to part of the property being located outside of the city limits and part of it being located inside city limits.

Stephen Bray Sr. was present to get the okay regarding his sale of 4.30 acres to Jake Willcox. This is considered a minor subdivision of his property. He will get a copy of the survey to the city and will also pay the \$250.00 required fee to take care of this process through the city.

Old Business

•City Hall Sign

Council Member Danny Morcom informed the council that he had been in contact with a gentleman from Winterville that had stated that he would like to donate granite for the City Hall Marker. The city would pay for the installation. It was also discussed as it had been in the past that it would look nice to have stone that matches the stone on the City Hall Building installed on or around the base of the marker in some form. City Clerk Love will try to contact the contractor for the building, Adam Bowen of Resource Construction to get information regarding the stone.

•Old City Hall

City Attorney Love will follow up with Mr. Paul Bunce on the progress of moving the old City Hall Building.

•Alcohol Ordinance (Draft)

City Attorney Love presented DRAFT copies and spoke briefly regarding the draft. This new draft information was arrived at during a committee meeting of Council Members Jack Norman and Danny Sniff with Mr. Love. Love stated that if the city wishes to go any further, the next step would be to have a public meeting. Mayor Spearing asked if the council wanted to pursue a public meeting in reference to the proposed Alcohol Ordinance. Council Member Jack Norman stated that the city should “forget the ordinance.” Council Member Tracy Massey suggested tabling the issue for a few months until the fall. Council Member Norma Craddock agreed that it was a good idea to table for now.

On a motion from Tracy Massey with a second from Norma Craddock, the council voted to table the issue. Vote 3 approved 1 abstained

New Business

•Millage Rate – 2022

On a motion from Jack Norman with a second from Norma Craddock, the council voted to keep the millage rate at 1.5 ml. Vote 3 approved 1 opposed

•IPAD/Tablet Purchase and Data Plan

Next a discussion regarding the advantages etc. of purchasing an IPAD took place. This would be used out in field by Mr. Shedd regarding Zoning issues. It would also serve the purpose of assisting with any kind of presentations with the electronic equipment that has been installed at City Hall. After some discussion, it was decided that Clerk Love would check with the internet provider for the City, Charter/Spectrum, to find out about the availability of this service.

•Dumpster Rental

Mayor Spearing informed the Council that he had authorized Clerk Love to arrange to have a dumpster delivered to City Hall for the purpose of cleaning out all pump houses and the warehouse for old well parts, left over construction trash etc.

•Radar Speed Signs

Mayor Spearing reported that he had recently driven to Gainesville to pick up the Radar Speed Signs acquired by the City through the State at no charge. The City will install the signs. Two signs will be placed on Yancey Rd. and two on the Arnoldsville Rd.

Council Member Morcom inquired about the funding for the TSPLOST account for Arnoldsville. The original agreement between the City and Oglethorpe County stated that the City would commit the \$81,000 allotted for .45 miles of resurfacing and the County would commit to the remaining 1.12 miles inside of the city limits. The amount collected in the Arnoldsville TSPLOST account is currently at \$66,395.99.

•LMIG

Mayor Spearing asked the Council to be thinking of a possible project for the LMIG funds. The idea of possible aprons at the intersection of Arnoldsville Rd. and Yancey Rd. was mentioned as well as the partial paving of Pine Grove Rd. for 50'. The LMIG Project should be approximately \$16,000.00 with the city providing 30%.

•Possible Annexationu

Council Member Tracy Massey stated she felt that there would be advantages of annexing the 120 acres into the City, specifically the financial aspects. The question was posed regarding interest in the annexation. Council Members Jack Norman, Tracy Massey and Danny Morcom stated they were interested in the possibility of the annexation with Council Member Norma Craddock saying she is not interested. Mayor Spearing stated that his answer would be yes. It was agreed that the City will reach out to the prospective purchasers of the property to have a Called Meeting to get more information.

9:04 PM - On a motion from Tracy Massey with a second from Jack Norman, the Council went into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9:25 PM On a motion from Jack Norman with a second from Tracy Massey, the Council voted to go out of Executive Session and back into the regular meeting.

9:26 PM – On a motion from Council Member Danny Morcom with a second from Tracy Massey, the Council voted to pay Adam Boswell of the Water Department an additional \$75.00 per month until the end of the year due to the rising gas prices. Boswell is the meter reader.
Vote 4-0

On a motion from Danny Morcom with a second from Norma Craddock, the Council voted at the request of Clerk Love to hire Heidi Tweedell as the Assistant City Clerk. Vote 4-0

9:30 On a motion from Danny Morcom with a second from Jack Norman, the meeting was adjourned. Vote 4-0

 7/21/22
Mayor Date

Minutes prepared and submitted by City Clerk, Debbie Love, July 21, 2022