

CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 18, 2021

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

Media: Jessica Colquitt

Visitors: M. Fleming

7:00 PM - Meeting called to order

Minutes

On a motion from Jack Norman, seconded by Danny Morcom, the minutes for the February 25, 2021 regular meeting were approved as submitted. Vote 4-0

General Fund Financial Report

On a motion from Norma Craddock seconded by Lee Norman, the February General Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 4-0

Water Department Report

All wells are running fine at this time. One new tap is forthcoming.

Water Fund Financial Report

On a motion from Danny Morcom with a second from Norma Craddock, the February 2021 Water Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 4-0

Construction Account Report

On a motion from Danny Morcom with a second from Norma Craddock, the monthly Construction Account Report was approved as submitted. Vote 4-0

Fire Department

Mr. Melvin Fleming reported that the new bay being added to the fire department is coming along and looks good. A training session was held at the last meeting.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement/Land Use Officer, Lynn Shedd, reported that he had issued permits for the following:

1. Ralph Huff – Building Permit for Carport (233 Yancey Rd.)
2. Theresa Pierce – Electrical Permit for rewiring (116 Pine Grove Rd.)

There has also been an inquiry from Verizon regarding the possibility of a cell tower. The contact person was Mark Lydon. Mr. Shedd will look into this.

Mr. Melvin Fleming made a statement to the effect that he did not agree with the permit fee charged by the city on a recent transaction completed regarding the sale of some property which was considered as a “subdivision” of property. He made it clear that the property purchaser did not complain and paid the \$250 fee but that he does not agree with the amount of the fee. The permit fees were explained by City Attorney Love.

Other Business

●Federal Recovery Funds

Mayor Spearing reported that the city will be receiving “Federal Recovery Funds” from the government in the upcoming months. All cities are receiving funds from this program with stipulations for the use of the funds. Arnoldsville will be receiving \$115,314.00 according to a report that Mayor Spearing found after some research. He stated that there are four categories allowed for usage of the funds. The usage that best suits Arnoldsville is the section listing water infrastructure. Possible uses include filtration systems to help clear up complaints about dirty water; perimeter fencing for wellhouses; purchase of a tractor to be used during water line installation, repairs etc. Mayor Spearing asked the council to think about suggestions for other uses of the funds. The funding will be distributed in two separate payments with 50% being received possibly by the end of April with the other half coming before the end of 2024. Mayor Spearing will be acquiring three quotes for filtration system equipment.

●2019 Audit

City Clerk Love reported to the council regarding the status of the 2019 Audit that is required each year by the Department of Audits and Accounts and the Department of Community Affairs. The annual audit for Arnoldsville is always due each year by June 30. Due to COVID, the deadline was extended until September 20, 2020.

The Arnoldsville audit is handled by the firm of Hawkins & McNair located in Winder, GA. The main contact for Arnoldsville, Jerry Hawkins, retired right as COVID hit, personnel issues arose and Woody McNair has been attempting to work from home with difficulties arising as a result of COVID and less staff. After discussion regarding the late audit, the city council agreed to allow Mr. McNair until April 14, 2021 to complete the 2019 Audit. If the audit is not completed by then, they instructed City Clerk to retrieve audit materials from Mr. McNair and search for another auditor.



●**Sale of Old City Hall Building**

One inquiry has been received regarding the bid for the old city hall.

●**Litigation**

City Attorney Love reported that there has been no decision from the judge in the litigation. He also stated that this is “not unusual.”

8:24 PM Meeting adjourned on a motion from Danny Morcom with a second from Lee Norman.

  4/15/21
Mayor Date

Minutes prepared and submitted by Clerk, Debbie Love, April 15, 2021