

# **CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

February 17, 2022

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

Media: N/A

Visitors: Jamie Allgood, Nick Sanders, Whitney Carnes, Eddie Hodson, Dwaine Massey

7:00 PM - Meeting called to order

## **Minutes**

On a motion from Danny Sniff, seconded by Danny Morcom, the minutes for the January 20, 2022 regular meeting were approved as submitted. Vote 5-0

## **General Fund Financial Report**

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

## **Water Department Report**

We have 9 pending taps. Regarding the filtration system, George Spearing, III is communicating with Georgia Rural Water. There are pads being put in on White's Run. On Pine Grove, 2 more lots sold. There is construction on Hargrove Crossing. All of these have still to pay for applications, taps, etc.

## **Water Fund Financial Report**

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

## **Fire Department**

Norma Craddock reported no new items for the fire department. They are having a BBQ sale from 12 to 2 to raise funds.

## **Code Enforcement/Zoning**

1. Code Enforcement Officer, Lynn Shedd, announced 5 new driveway permits that he had approved in the last month. He approved a temporary power pole, house and barn for Mr.

Joel Walters.

2. Stewart Circle: Lynn Shedd reported that the 30 day warning is almost up for the person he issued a citation to. The mayor, Lynn Shedd and Danny Love will discuss what to do in this situation as to further action since the property is still not in compliance
3. There was discussion about the fence recently erected behind 3 Railroad Street.
4. Mr. Morcom asked if Danny Love sent a letter to his neighbor about a dog. Mr. Love said he did not. Per Danny Sniff there is a large dog that roams in Arnoldsville.

### **Old Business**

●**City Hall Marker** - Danny Sniff is still looking for someone to make it. It will be a stone marker. Danny Sniff was not able to get someone to do it yet. Jamie Allgood said that he could talk to Danny Sniff about getting it done. He does work for UGA in getting them granite markers and could work with Danny Sniff on it. The city will need to get 3 bids after they get quotes for it. The contractor will also be asked to look at making an awning to keep water out of the side door to the building. Danny Sniff will work with Jamie Allgood on that to make sure the stones match the building.

●**Firefly Trail** – Nick Sanders asked about any progress on the Firefly Trail. The mayor stated that Arnoldsville Road will be widened this year to help with traffic. The construction has to be done by December 31, 2022 so that the city can exhaust the LMIG funds. Mr. Sanders is opposed to the trail because of loss of land and safety. Mr. Sniff said that there are no viable plans yet. It is not a huge land loss. It will be a narrow path – 3 feet off the road. Mr. Sanders stated that he and other citizens would like more communication. Tracy Massey stated that she presented a Firefly Trail PowerPoint presentation a couple of months ago to the mayor and council. The mayor stated that any citizen is welcome to come to our monthly meetings which are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. If it needs to be rescheduled for some reason, the mayor will let everyone know when it is rescheduled for. The Regional Commission will need conceptual ideas for them to proceed with it. Tracy Massey said that the city wants to be in control of any plans so that it is not blindsided by what the regional commission comes up with.

### **New Business**

#### **Alcohol License**

Whitney Carnes and Eddie Hodson presented their ideas for 3 Railroad Street to have events and possibly serve beer and wine. They run Tumbletree Farm and just moved here recently. They live on Yancey Road and have vegetables, chickens, quail and geese. They do not want a bar or late night parties. They will have special events where they want to serve beer and wine. Some of the events they want to do are comedy, family movie nights, concerts, and other events. They would serve soft drinks and no beer or wine at the family events such as movie nights. They would rent the building from Mary Nouri and have lunches and dinners there in addition to the



special events. The events would all be held inside. There will be no cooking in the building since it needs to be altered. There is no vehicle for a permit at this time. Danny Love stated that a beer and wine license is separated from a liquor license. He also stated that it takes a lot of legal work for the permits to happen. He will research the subject and present it to the mayor and council. Winterville does sell beer and wine per Tracy Massey. We could check with them on it if we want to. The Trivia Night could be a fundraiser for the city. They also want to help with the Food Pantry which Mary Nouri has been funding by herself.

Danny Love will draft an ordinance or two for the mayor and council to have at the next council meeting. He will find out all the requirements such as a certain number of feet from a church. He stated it will take at least 3 months for the ordinance to be implemented. Danny Sniff said that the beer and wine license would attract more business to Arnoldsville.

The mayor mentioned that someone called about a business license. We also need to find out about that. He stated it would be good to know how many businesses operate in the city limits.

#### **Allgood Properties, LLC Zoning Request**

Jamie Allgood has submitted a proposal for zoning and land use. The zoning and land use committee for Arnoldsville will meet and look at it. Danny Love will also look at the legal implications of it. Mr. Love stated that there has to be a public hearing within 60 days from the mayor and council approving it. It will also need to be published in the local newspaper. Mr. Allgood wants to move old trailers and put up new ones. He has torn some down that were no longer livable. He also wants to paint and make the mobile home park look better. That is his goal for this zoning proposal.

#### **Mayor Pro Tem**

The mayor pro tem is normally appointed in January. Danny Morcom was nominated for the role. With a motion from Danny Sniff and seconded by Jack Norman, the motion carried. Mr. Morcom accepted the nomination. Vote 5-0

#### **Retirement Party for Debbie Love**

Danny Sniff and Tracy Massey brought up this retirement party. It was decided to have it Saturday, March 5, 2022 at the Arnoldsville Baptist Church.

#### **Water Bills and E-Mail**

Tracy Massey brought up the idea of including a letter in the water bills regarding paperless or using a debit authorization to have it automatically deducted from the customer's bank account. Tracy and Betty Coy will work on a letter to be sent out with the regular water bills. There are about 350 that we send each month. Tracy thinks we could at least get some customers to do one or the other and it would save on time and effort in not having to send them in the mail.

Regarding the att.net e-mail, it still shows Debbie Love's name as the sender. Debbie, Tracy and Betty Coy will work on getting a new e-mail address for the city.

8:30 PM – On a motion from Tracy Massey and seconded by Danny Sniff, the meeting was adjourned.

 3/17/22  
George L. Spearing, IV Mayor Date

Minutes prepared and submitted by Betty S. Coy, City Clerk, March 17, 2022.