

CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 17, 2020

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

Visitors: B. Cutsail

Media: Jessica Colquitt

7:00 PM - Meeting called to order

Minutes

On a motion from Jack Norman, seconded by Norma Craddock, the minutes for the August 27, 2020 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 27, 2020 General Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 5-0

Water

Water Superintendent George L. Spearing, III reported that there are currently no problems with any wells. With the recent rains, the water usage has reduced. Four new tap-on requests have been received.

Water Fund Financial Report

On a motion from Lee Norman with a second from Danny Morcom, the August 27, 2020 Water Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. Vote 5-0

TSPLOST Funds Report

On a motion from Danny Morcom with a second from Jack Norman, the monthly TSPLOST Report submitted was approved as submitted. Vote 5 - 0

Construction Account Report

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

Fire Department

Fire Chief, Heath Baker, was present to give an update on the fire department. He stated that everything was good right now. There had been an increase in calls for the month of July. They have all trucks back up and running at this time. They are in the process of obtaining estimates to add a new bay onto the fire station to house the brush truck. The estimate they have received so far is for \$25,000, so they are continuing to explore other options. The annual bar-b-q fund raiser will be held on October 24, 2020 at the fire station.

Baker also reported that they currently have 18 firefighters on the roster with 8 being completely trained. They have added one new firefighter recently. They did have some engine issues in the spring consisting of fuel problems related to a plastic tank. The plastic tank has been replaced with an aluminum tank. COVID-19 has affected the training. Mayor Spearing inquired if they had learned if the county would be assisting with insurance premiums this year. Baker reported that they are waiting to hear but have held back extra funds in case the insurance is more expensive than expected.

Code Enforcement

Lynn Shedd, Code Enforcement Officer, reported that he had received an inquiry regarding the question of a business being located on Stewart Circle. He has investigated the place in question and was told that "no business" is being done from that location. A complaint from Mr. Custail was relayed regarding gas and oil running into his yard from the neighboring yard in question, especially when it rains. The occupants stated that the vehicles would be moved out by the upcoming weekend. Mayor Spearing instructed Mr. Shedd to issue a citation if the vehicles had not been moved by the designated time. Mayor Spearing also asked Shedd to check on the completion of the underpinning on the renovated home at 198 Yancey Rd. Shedd is also to check on the City Hall plumbing and electrical work as they are completed.

LMIG

Mayor Spearing noted that the remaining \$700 funds on the LMIG project would be used to coordinate additional work into the paving of City Hall Drive.

City Hall/Water Facility

Applications for power and gas have been submitted and the septic tank will be installed shortly. Materials deliveries have been delayed due to COVID-19.

Council Member Danny Sniff asked that for future Change Orders, they specify clearly if the change is requested by the owner or the contractor.

City Attorney Love stated that he had learned from the contractor that insurance coverage is in place until February. However, the coverage will be dropped when a Certificate of Occupancy is issued to the city. The estimate that Love received from the current insurance company on coverage for the new building is \$1,700.00 extra per year. The coverage from October through February would cost approximately \$600.00.

Other Business

- Budget Meeting

The annual budget meeting was scheduled for September 28, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. with Council Members Danny Morcom and Norma Craddock volunteering to serve on the Budget Committee along with the Mayor.

- Mr. Cutsail of 177 Arnoldsville Rd. was present to ask if anything could be done about the ongoing drainage problem near his property. This causes flooding issues on his property. After a brief discussion, it was decided that there is a problem regarding ditching at the end of the City Limits due to no pipe being installed. Mayor Spearing will check with the county on getting the ditch cleaned out to stop the banking up of rain water due to heavy rains.

- Council Member, Danny Morcom, stated that he had heard about possible stray dogs in the area recently. As a result, chickens and kittens in the Oak St. area had been killed. After some discussion, it was determined that a Reminder reflecting Section 5 of the Animal Ordinance regarding the prohibiting of animals running loose in the city limits should be included with the next water bill mailing.

- Council Member, Danny Morcom reported that he is looking into the possibility of purchasing "Holiday Flags" to be displayed throughout the city during the upcoming holidays. The size of the flags is 28" x 40".

8:08 PM On a motion from Norma Craddock with a second by Danny Sniff, the meeting was adjourned after it was determined that there was no further business. Vote 5-0

 10-15-20
Mayor Date

Minutes prepared and submitted by Clerk, Debbie Love, October 15, 2020