

CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 19, 2017 – 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor George Spearing, IV; Council Members: Greg Banks, Danny Morcom, Jack Norman, Norma Craddock; Lee Norman; Water Superintendent, George Spearing, III; Lynn Shedd, Code Enforcer/Land Use Officer; City Attorney, Danny Love; City Clerk, Debbie Love

Observers: Jamie Allgood, Heath Baker, Jesse Carter, Keith Hardman, Bill Houser, Mary Nouri, Missy Peters, Bobby Seagraves, Danny Sniff

Media: Jessica Colquitt

Minutes

7:00 PM

On a motion by Norma Craddock, seconded by Jack Norman, the minutes for the September 21, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted. 5 – 0

2018 Budget

Mayor Spearing presented the proposed 2018 Budget as submitted by the Budget Committee consisting of Mayor Spearing, Council members Norma Craddock and Danny Morcom. On a motion from Jack Norman with a second from Danny Morcom, the council voted 5-0 to adopt the proposed 2018 Budget. (copy attached)

General Fund Financials

On a motion by Jack Norman seconded by Danny Morcom, the September General Fund Financial Report was approved as submitted. 5 - 0

Water

Water Superintendent, George Spearing, III reported that a repair at Well #6 turned out to be a simple fix of a breaker repair. He also reported that TankPro would be doing the cleaning/maintenance on the Hargrove Lake Rd. Tank which would include a tank renovation inside and out. He mentioned that there may be low pressure at times when this was taking place.

Mr. Spearing also reported that seven (7) more new taps will be installed in the next month or so. City Clerk Debbie Love informed the mayor and council that the new handheld unit had been received and was loaded and ready to go for the next scheduled reading date.

Water Fund Financials

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

Fire Department

Fire Chief Heath Baker and Assistant Fire Chief Jesse Carter were present to report on the fire department. They reported that the fire department had handled 5-6 calls in the past month. They also reminded the council about the fundraiser coming up on October 28, 2017.

They reported that the repeater/radio would be installed in the next week. Mr. Baker also informed the council that the new cancer insurance legislation for all firefighters would have a very big impact on the Arnoldsville Fire Dept. as well as all departments in the county. As of January 1, 2018, all firemen, paid and volunteer will be required to carry cancer insurance. At this time, the county is offering no assistance stating that this is "all state." This insurance is required for all members in order to keep the current ISO rating of 4 in place. If the department cannot concur, the rating will increase to a 9 which would result in much higher insurance premiums for Arnoldsville area residents. This will be an extra expense for the Arnoldsville Fire Dept. of approximately \$3,000 - \$3,500 for the year. All of this is a result of House Bill #146. Mayor Spearing informed the fire department that the city had increased their annual contribution to the fire department and he also assured them that if necessary, the city could assist further to insure that they are covered. Missy Peters of Keller Williams Real Estate Agency was present at the meeting and at this time she announced that she would contribute \$1,000 to the fire department to aid in this expense.

Zoning/Code Enforcement

Lynn Shedd stated that nothing new had come up in the way of code violations or zoning.

Jamie Allgood was next on the agenda to inquire about the zoning procedures pertaining to mobile home parks. Allgood is looking at purchasing the two mobile home parks that are currently inside the city limits. He was specifically asking about the possibility of replacing old homes in the parks with newer replacements. Mayor Spearing explained the zoning regulations pertaining to manufactured homes that had been adopted by the city council after extensive meetings, public hearings and voting contained in Section 9-3-1 of the zoning ordinance.

§9-1-3 LAND USE PERMIT REQUIRED

No manufactured home shall be installed on any site, nor shall any such manufactured home be occupied or used for any purpose.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the procedures etc. that are required to possibly ask for a one time variance or to have this section of the zoning ordinance amended, Mr. Allgood thanked the council for their time and said that he understood the steps required to get this process started.

Next, Mary Nouri came before the council to ask for clarification on streets and right-of-ways from the city. Ms. Nouri shut down her business at No. 3 Railroad, located on Railroad St. on September 10, 2017 after receiving a letter from the attorney of the owners of PRP Properties (Frank & Randy Patman) instructing her to "immediately cease using PRP property for any purpose." The property in question is located directly in front of No. 3 Railroad on Railroad St. Ms. Nouri presented documents reflecting the paving of the street by the city in 2011. Mayor Spearing explained that Railroad St. is a city street open to public access. The mayor also stressed that there are no designated or legal parking spaces on any city streets in Arnoldsville. City Attorney Love stated that there is no question that Railroad St. is a city street. Nouri then asked if they were at a "stalemate." Love stated that Ms. Nouri should speak with her attorney regarding her options. He reiterated again that there is no question that Railroad St. is a public road.

LMIG 2018

Mayor Spearing reported that the contractor for the LMIG job of replacing and installing all city street signs etc. would like to be finished by October 31, 2017. He is not sure if this will happen and will report back at the November meeting.

Other Business

Jack Norman announced that the annual Holiday Supper sponsored by the city and the Arnoldsville Baptist Church would be held on Saturday, December 2, 2017 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

City Attorney Love asked permission from the council to ask for additional zoning maps from the surveyor. This had been approved at an earlier meeting, this was just a follow-up question. The council gave approval.

8:10 p.m. On a motion from Norma Craddock with a second from Danny Morcom, the regular meeting was adjourned and the council went into EXECUTIVE SESSION. Vote 5-0

8:15 PM Motion to adjourn EXECUTIVE SESSION by Greg Banks with second from Lee Norman. Vote 5-0

Mayor

Date 11/16/17

Minutes prepared and submitted by Clerk, Debbie Love, November 16, 2017

CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE			
ARNOLDSVILLE, GEORGIA			
2018 BUDGETS - WATER AND GENERAL FUND			
WATER BUDGET			2018
			Budget
INCOME			
	Water Revenue		\$195,000
	TOTAL		\$195,000
EXPENSES			
	GEFA Payments		\$62,730
	Wages - Engineer & Helpers		\$45,000
	Utilities		\$15,000
	Postage		\$2,500
	Miscellaneous & Supplies		\$9,770
	Water System Maintenance		\$25,000
	Tank Maintenance		\$20,000
	Administrative		\$10,000
	Equipment		\$5,000
	TOTAL		\$195,000
GENERAL FUND BUDGET			
			2018
			Budget
INCOME			
	Property Taxes		\$9,500
	Local Option Sales Tax		\$16,500
	Franchise Fees		\$15,000
	Occupational Taxes		\$1,500
	Insurance Premium Tax		\$22,000
	Postal/Real Estate Rental		\$1,800
	Mobile Home & Motor Vehicle Tax		\$3,200
	Checking Account Interest		\$50
	Permit Fees		\$1,450
	TOTAL		\$71,000
EXPENSES			
	City Hall Utilities		\$600
	Administrative		\$5,500
	Mayor & Council		\$12,300
	Street Lights		\$3,600
	Legal Fees		\$7,500
	Oglethorpe County Library		\$1,500
	Pest Control		\$300
	Insurance/Survey		\$8,500
	Audit/U.S. Treasury		\$7,000
	Lawn Care		\$1,200
	Postage/Supplies		\$500
	Miscellaneous/Services		\$9,500
	Fire Department		\$10,000
	LMIG		\$2,000
	Code Enforcement		\$1,000
	TOTAL		\$71,000