

**CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
January 21, 2016

Present: Mayor Banks, Council Members: Norma Craddock, Jack Norman (arrived late), Lee Norman, Joyce Sniff, City Attorney, Danny Love; City Clerk, Debbie Love

Observers: J. Eberenz, M. Eidson, M. Fleming, D. Morcom, D. Sniff

Media: Jessica Colquitt

7:15 p.m. Meeting called to order by outgoing Mayor Greg Banks.

The first order of business for this meeting was the swearing in of the new mayor and all council members by City Attorney, Danny Love.

Joyce Sniff was sworn in as the new Mayor with the following council members being sworn in: Greg Banks, Norma Craddock, Jack Norman and Lee Norman. George Spearing IV, was absent due to a family medical emergency. Spearing will be sworn in at the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

Next, the council elected a new Mayor Pro Tem. George Spearing, IV was unanimously voted in as the new Mayor Pro Tem.

The minutes for the regular monthly meeting held on December 17, 2015 were read and approved as submitted on a motion from Norma Craddock with a second from Greg Banks. Vote 3 – 0.

The financial report presented for the month of December for the city's General Fund account was approved on a motion from Norma Craddock with a second from Lee Norman. Vote 3 – 0

The financial report presented for the month of December for the city's Water Fund account was approved on a motion from Greg Banks with a second from Norma Craddock. Vote 3 – 0

Water

Water Superintendent, George Spearing, III reported that 12 new houses, all located on the water system, are currently being built. This required new taps to be installed.

Next Spearing reported that the fire hydrant he had ordered to replace the damaged hydrant had arrived. City Attorney Love will contact the insurance company for the person who is responsible for destroying the hydrant regarding a claim.

Utility Services Co. completed the scheduled tank maintenance required by the previous contract held between their company and the city for the tank located inside the city limits at 154 Yancey Rd.

Mr. John Eberenz of 191 Owensby Mill Rd. was present to inquire if there was any way the city might consider forgiving a water bill that will most likely be for a much larger amount than normal due to the fact that a lightning strike hit Mr. Eberenz's water line while he was out of the country during the holidays. When he returned home, he discovered his yard was "full of water." He was concerned about the amount of water and also how much it might cost. Mayor Sniff asked that she be notified by the clerk when the water reading and calculation had been done to consider Mr. Eberenz's request.

### Fire Department

Fire Chief, Mike Eidson thanked the council for their donation and support. The fire dept. was able to purchase the computer required to keep up with newly implemented standards by the state. Eidson reported that Steve Bray will be doing the data entry for the fire department. Eidson also mentioned that the installation of the Repeaters are "in the works." Eidson pointed out that Norma Craddock is the current treasurer for the fire department and he is happy with that situation. Last year the fire department handled 81 calls. So far, they have had five (5) calls in January.

### Other Business

Mike Eidson has volunteered to install the two awnings needed to prevent more rain damage around the two front windows of the city hall building. He stated that he had the awnings ready and will be installing those soon. Council member Greg Banks reported that as soon as Lowe's has more dehumidifiers in stock, he will take care of purchasing those for the city. Eidson is also going to repair the floor of city hall.

The next item on the agenda was the ongoing zoning for the city. Mayor Sniff announced that a committee needed to be formed to get this issue resolved. The first zoning committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2016 with the following members: Mayor Sniff, Council Members Greg Banks, Jack Norman and City Attorney, Danny Love.

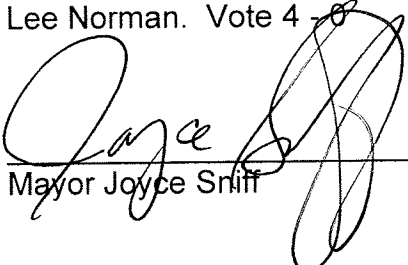
City Clerk, Debbie Love reported that due to the fact that a couple of the past checks she had submitted to the Athens Reg. Library had not been cashed (possibly lost), she would like to just send one check for a total of \$2,000.00 for the year to take care of this contribution. The check mailed at the end of June for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2015 for \$500.00 has never been cashed by the library. The solution of writing one check for the year will hopefully keep this from reoccurring.

Council Member Greg Banks noted that while on the subject of the library, he had been contacted by Jean Westmacott who is on the Library Board. Ms. Westmacott informed Banks that the city is eligible to have a member on the library board because of the donations submitted by the city.

Jack Norman expressed concern again over a tree that is leaning more dangerously now with all of the rain. City Attorney Love will send another letter to the property owners.

The annual renewal of the city's insurance is due February 10, 2016. On a motion from Greg Banks with a second from Jack Norman, the council voted to allow Danny Love, City Attorney, to acquire the new insurance as long as it does not exceed more than 10% of the total paid out last year. Vote 4 – 0.

7:55 p.m. Meeting adjourned on a motion from Norma Craddock with a second from Lee Norman. Vote 4 – 0

  
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Mayor Joyce Sniff

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Date

Minutes prepared and submitted by Debbie Love, City Clerk, February 18, 2016.