

## Regular Council Meeting

February 6, 2019

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on February 6, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Present were Councilors: Leslie Walborn, Denise Ball, Bobby Christensen, Marshall Swope, Susan Jones, Kelly Margheim, Mayor Jeffery Bufton, Attorney Ruben Cleaveland and Recorder Pam Rosenbalm. Guests include: Brad Baird, Rod McGuire, Lori Tilton, Mallory Delair, Nancy Proctor, Tory Flory, Jon Terland, Peter Mitchell, Rita Miciak, Linda Davis, Bobby Gentry, Taylor Hoehne, John Grubaugh, Marta Mikkalo, and Tom Hoskot. Mayor Bufton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### **Pledge of Allegiance Recited**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Bobby Gentry representing the Lions Club was present to inform the Council they are partnering with the Chamber of Commerce, for a 2020 **New Year's Eve Ball**. Marta Mikkalo was present and stated the trucks coming into town and are **going fast**. Officer Jon Terland stated the **Sheriff's Office** has had some complaints and they are monitoring this. Deputy Terland reported; Officer Tory Flory has been promoted to Patrol Sergeant, and will be the point of contact for the City Council, there have been some car break-ins, but the individual is a minor, they continue to work on suspects regarding the house break-ins. Peter Mitchell updating the Council; stated **the Port** has a tenant at the Flex Building, Peter then thanked the Public Works Crew on their plowing and keeping the streets clear. Lastly, there will be a meeting regarding the Irrigation Feasibility Work Study, at the Gronquist Building, February 21, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

**COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE:** Marta Mikkalo was present and stated the Chamber has several ideas already for the New Year's Eve Ball.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The consent agenda consisted of the following items: **a.** Approval of minutes-January 9, 2019. **b.** Approval of bills as listed. Councilor Ball motioned to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Christensen.

### **COUNCIL ACTIONS APPROVE OR DENY:**

**Attorney Firm Transition:** Attorney Cleaveland stated he will be moving into his own business, with Vic Vankoten. The Council can move with him or stay with the Annala, Carey Office.

Councilor Christensen motioned to move Attorney services with Attorney Cleaveland and VanTooken. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Walborn.

**BRAD BAIRD-ANDERSON PERRY & ASSOCIATES:** Brad Baird was present and reviewed with the Council, the Application for Water/Wastewater Financing Program Technical Assistance Project. Brad stated he and Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm have discussed working on water well ideas. Councilor Walborn motioned to move forward with the general application. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Swope. Brad stated regarding the legal description on the LSNetworks agreement, (which he had previously stated the surveying crew could verify), there isn't enough information on Exhibit A or B. Attorney Cleaveland stated he will get some clarity on this and he and Brad will work out the legal description. Brad stated it doesn't appear the wind farms can get water from Ag Farms, there are some exceptions and Brad will research those and get back to the Council. Lastly the renewal for the CUP for the gravel pit is just about complete.

**LORI TILTON-HORSE REQUEST:** Lori Tilton was present and "stated" the way this horse request came about is her daughter Jenn came in and asked Pam about having a horse at Lori's house. Lori stated she has anxiety and would like to have her own personal horse at her house and her granddaughter Mallory who was present, would like her horse there also. Lori stated she knows that she lives in the city limits but would like the Council to make an exception. Lori stated there are family issues which she cannot go into here at the meeting per HIPAA Laws. However, she would be glad to discuss those issues with the Councilors out of the meeting. Mayor Bufton stated there is property right out your back door, which you could look into renting a piece of property for the horses. Mayor Bufton stated if the city allows this there will be more and more requests, and it will be hard to control. Not to mention these are two horses, which are pretty big compared to a smaller animal. Lori stated before the subdivision was "gifted" to the city, it was in place for this kind of thing, animals, and 4-h. Lori stated no you can't have them closer to town, but feels she should be given an exception because of living in the subdivision. Mayor Bufton stated the subdivision was not "gifted" to the city, the residents of the subdivision voted to be brought into the city limits, knowing they would need to follow the city's rules and Ordinances. Councilor Christensen stated, the Council can look at each case and review. Councilor Ball replied, that will be hard as it will look like the Council is approving this request because Lori works for the City of Arlington. After a long discussion Attorney Cleaveland read from the Ordinance, stating Lori needed to have a written request. Lori said I can write that on the back of this piece of paper. The Council stated no, what needs to be brought back to the next is a written request, individual letters from the neighbors, the building where they will have shelter, where the hay will be stored, the procedure in which this will not be a nuisance, such as manure removal. Attorney Cleaveland stated remember any building that will be put up will be under a totally different set of rules. Lori said well I could

have just put it up there without asking and then just asked for forgiveness, but I didn't. So we will jump through whatever hoops you ask us to. Councilor Ball stated we aren't asking you to jump through hoops, we are asking that you follow the procedures. The Council explained the information would need to be to City Hall before the next Council Meeting so they could review it. Once again Councilor Ball and Mayor Bufton encouraged Lori to ask about possibly renting a piece of property that is located behind her house.

**COUNCILORS REPORT:**

- Councilor Margheim had no report to give.
- Councilor Jones had no report to give.
- Councilor Swope had no report to give.
- Councilor Christensen reported the Gilliam County Fire Services is hiring a new Fire Administrator.
- Councilor Ball had no report to give.
- Councilor Walborn stated she and Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm will be working on a grant application, to help with the park landscaping project.

In other business, Mayor Bufton stated he will be moving Councilor Ball to the water & sewer department and Councilor Margheim will then move to sanitation. Attorney Cleaveland thanked the Council for their trust in him, with the move to his new firm.

The regular meeting was closed at 7:08 p.m.

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Jeffery Bufton, Mayor

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Pam Rosenbalm, Recorder

