

Regular Council Meeting

July 11, 2018

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on July 11, 2018 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Present were Councilors: Leslie Walborn, Denise Ball, Robert Christensen, Marshall Swope, Susan Jones, Mayor Jeffery Bufton, Attorney Ruben Cleaveland, Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm and Recorder Pam Rosenbalm. Absent Councilor: Diane Wetherell. Guests include: Leslee Hammer, Jon Terland, Sue Gaswint, Jim Wright, Julius Courtney, Rita Miciak and Peter Mitchell. Mayor Bufton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sue Gaswint was present and reported; she has started catching **stray cats** so they can be spayed and neutered. She asked if there was anyone who would be willing to help her. She also stated she will be volunteering, and would like to have a breakfast with Mrs. Claus this next Christmas. Jon Terland from the **Gilliam County Sheriff's Office** reported there was a good turn-out for the drug presentation, and security camera meeting. Jon also stated Chris Fitzsimmons from their office puts together the stat reports each month, and he thought she was sending those to the city. Recorder Rosenbalm stated she has not seen those reports, only the schedules. Mayor Bufton stated he did attend the drug presentation, and he thought it was very good. He would like to see this kind of program the schools. Jim Wright was present and stated a few members of the Security Committee had attended the **security camera presentation**, and he also felt it was informative. Jim has asked the presenter if he would come to the city and formulate what the city could see for a cost of \$400.00, regarding cameras around the community. Jim then stated PPL has been doing a good job with keeping the street lights working. Mayor Bufton stated the Council will discuss this and get back to Jim regarding the \$400.00.

COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE: Leslee Hammer was present and reported; the car show is the next event, and requested Mayor Bufton be present and hand-out a trophy, the Chamber received a grant from the County and that money will go towards payment of the billboards. Leslee also reported the Chamber will be holding a Candidates Forum this election year.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consisted of the following items: **a.** Approval of minutes-June 6, 2018. **b.** Approval of bills as listed. Councilor Ball motioned to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Jones.

BRAD BAIRD WATER PERMIT: Brad was not present; however, Mayor Bufton stated Brad is still working on the conservation plan.

COUNCIL ACTIONS APPROVE OR DENY:

Memorandum Re: Irrigation Water Project: Attorney Cleaveland stated the county has now gotten involved with this water project. Therefore this new Memorandum includes the county, whereas previously it was only the city and the port. Councilor Walborn motioned to have Mayor Bufton sign the memorandum regarding the irrigation water project. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Swope.

Drone Ordinance: Attorney Cleaveland stated he was contacted by the East Oregonian newspaper who inquired about an ORS and the city's ability to regulate drones. The legislature hasn't kept up with drones, and until the Legislature does something different, the city will need to table this issue. If there is harassment going on with a drone, the Sheriff's Office should be notified. Deputy Terland stated the Sheriff's Office would not be able to enforce an Ordinance regulating drones.

R.V. ORDINANCE: Attorney Cleaveland stated City Planner Nick Kraemer, has the final text on the R.V. Ordinance the city had approved, after he gets notice to DLCD, the Planning Commission will need to hold a Hearing.

COUNCILORS REPORT:

- Councilor Jones reported the streets are fine.
- Councilor Swope reported the grass at the airport has been cut and the flex building is taking shape.
- Councilor Christensen reported the fire department is going to purchase an interface truck, and also have updated their two wild land trucks. Also, the two signs that were behind the store, that he had mentioned earlier, Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm has picked them up.
- Councilor Ball reported sanitation pick-up is at an earlier time during the summer months. She then read an email that had been sent regarding the placement of the Doc Severson plaque at the park. It was consensus of the Council to keep it where it is, as it is visible there. Councilor Ball also shared the Port has hired a new Administrative Assistant. Kelly Margheim will start on August 1, 2018 and Denise will be retiring September 28, 2018.
- Councilor Walborn stated the water and sewer funds are running fine.

- Councilor Wetherell was absent.
- Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm stated there is still an issue with the sewer line. This has been an ongoing problem for approximately 12 years, and he has been on several conference calls, trying to get a solution to fix the issue. Bill also reported at the budget meeting it was discussed the golf course needed a new mower, and that had been put into the budget. They have been testing different mowers and the costs.

In other business, Councilor Jones questioned if there had been any word on the **kosha bush** for a fire break around town. This is something Shannon Coppock had mentioned at an earlier Council Meeting. Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm stated the cows on the west side of town have eaten down the greenery which will help if there is a fire. Peter Mitchell from **the Port** stated harvest is starting and the new scales are getting close to be being used. Peter also stated the flex building is designed for industrial use, and is also getting close to being done. The Port Board approved a feasibility study for the irrigation water project; Cascade Earth Science will be in charge of that. Peter also stated the potential conflict with the irrigation study, (regarding the memorandum) he doesn't see that happening, but can appreciate the need for transparency. Jim Wright stated he would like the city to remember they own the **water permit**, and as a resident he wants that to stay the cities.

The regular meeting was closed at 7:18 p.m.

Jeffery Bufton, Mayor

Pam Rosenbalm, Recorder