

Regular Council Meeting

March 6, 2019

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on March 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, Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm, Attorney Ruben Cleaveland and Recorder Pam Rosenbalm. Guests include: Brad Baird, Lori Tilton, Jenn Tilton, Tory Flory, Peter Mitchell, Rita Miciak, Linda Davis, Marta Mikkalo, Jenny & Ethan Smallfoot, Mike Margheim, Tony Price, Ron Holt, Kip Krebs, Jarrod Ogden and Tom Hoskot. Mayor Bufton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

PUBLIC COMMENT: Marta Mikkalo was present and stated there is still a problem with pan handling at the park beside the restroom. Attorney Cleaveland stated the city had tightened up their Ordinance regarding this as much as they could legally. There was a discussion for the city to post a sign stating soliciting is not allowed, and also reference the Ordinance prohibiting this. It was consensus of the Council for Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm to have a sign made by the CTE program at the high school to hang by the restrooms.

COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE: Marta Mikkalo was present and stated the Chamber had cancelled their last meeting because of the weather, which leaves nothing new to report.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consisted of the following items: **a.** Approval of minutes-February 6, 2019. **b.** Approval of bills as listed. Councilor Walborn motioned to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Ball.

COUNCIL ACTIONS APPROVE OR DENY:

Budget Workshop Date: The Council agreed the budget workshop would be Thursday, March 21st at 5:30, dinner would be provided.

Budget Calendar: It was consensus of the Council to approve the budget calendar as provided.

Budget Committee: Councilor Ball questioned on whether Sherrie Wilkins could be on the Budget Committee as she is also a County Court Commissioner. Attorney Cleaveland stated he

will check on this but feels it is ok. Councilor Walborn motioned to approve the budget committee subject to qualifications under the ORS (Patti Brandt, Julie Valdez, Colleen Cunningham, Kari Keown, Robbie Hunt, David Anderson and Sherrie Wilkins). Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Ball.

Solutions Auditor: Councilor Jones motioned to keep Solutions Certified Public Accountants as the City's Accountants. Motion passed after a second by Councilor Walborn.

LOWER WILLOW CREEK IRRIGATION COMMITTEE: Kip Krebs was present and stated there is a lot of information in the Feasibility Study. The Irrigation Committee will need a firm commitment from the city, which will need to be long term. The timeline that should be considered is a 50 to 75 year commitment; this would guarantee the farmers will be able to pay off the costs. The way to lease out this water right is to long term lease to the Port and they can sub-lease to the irrigation district or the city can lease directly to the Willow Creek Irrigation Committee. The city was provided with only 1 copy of the Feasibility Study, and not all Councilors were able to get on the Port's web-site to read on-line. Kip briefly read 2 options to consider, each were in the millions of dollars to start. They would like to have all the city's cfs (cubic feet). Mayor Bufton stated the city has signed documents with a couple of entities who have asked to purchase water for their projects, and that cannot happen if Willow Creek has all of the water tied up. Brad Baird stated the city needs to get the water permit certificated into a right. Regardless you are limited to a certain amount of water usage. The fish persistence study will lower the percentage that is allowed, usually over the summer. The city permit is limited to a certain rate which cannot be increased to make up for a lower usage in the winter. It was discussed the city would need to own the pipe and platform where the water would come out. The Council agreed there will need to be some workshops to discuss this more.

RON HOLT, MESA GROUP, LLC.-LAND PURCHASE: Ron Holt was present and stated he has applied for a new growing permit with the State, and in order to get this, they need to own the property they would be working on. If approved by the State this all falls under OLCC. Therefore Ron would like to purchase a couple of acres off of airport road. After some discussion it was consensus of the Council to sell a piece of property for \$20,000 an acre to Mesa Group. Ron will get with Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm and look at the property to decide which would work best for the company.

LORI TILTON-HORSE REQUEST: Lori Tilton was present and had a handout for the Council regarding the horses, and where they would be contained along with the shelter. Mayor Bufton asked Lori if she had tried to find another place to keep the horses, as was discussed in the last meeting. Lori said no, because this is what I want, the horses at my house. The Council stated they had asked Lori in the last meeting to get any information she wanted to present to

them before the next Council Meeting so they had time to review, but she had not. It was being presented to them tonight. There were letters from adjacent property owners, one of which has property on 2 sides of her property stating they do not want horses to be on the property next to theirs, especially if they are going to build houses and try to sell them. Lori stated she knew who the property owners are, but hadn't had time to talk with them, and if she could just speak with them she is sure they would change their mind. Lori stated she felt they had been given wrong information that she wanted to have a horse farm with several horses. Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm stated he had clarified that it was in fact only 2 horses, but the property owners did not want that next to their property. There was discussion on the fact that the piece of property was not big enough for 2 horses, especially the manure and urine that would be going into the ground. Lori said well I will just throw it over the fence into the piece of property you wanted me to look into. Mayor Bufton responded that is private property. Councilor Christensen asked Lori would you be willing to ask for just 1 horse? Lori replied no. Councilor Walborn motioned to not allow the horses. Councilor Jones seconded that motion. Roll call; Margheim-yes, Jones-yes, Swope-yes, Christensen-no, Ball-yes, Walborn-yes. Motion passed.

COUNCILORS REPORT:

- Councilor Margheim reported she has heard from several residents how impressed they were the garbage was picked up with all the snow.
- Councilor Jones stated the city crew has done a very good job keeping up with everything, with all the weather we have had.
- Councilor Swope had no report to give.
- Councilor Christensen commended the city crew with their good job.
- Councilor Ball had no report to give.
- Councilor Walborn stated she and Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm are still working on the grant application, to help with the park landscaping project. Councilor Walborn also stated she will be attending the County Court meeting tomorrow regarding grants from the county.
- Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm reported; an electrician is coming to check the well at the golf course, there is definitely an issue. The consensus of the Council was to have a company come and crush more rock.

In other business, Brad Baird from Anderson Perry & Associates was present and stated regarding the sidewalk project; he feels the best option is to see if ODOT will put a crossing

across china ditch, as this will be quite expensive. Brad informed the Council there are a couple of meter boxes and hydrants that will need to be replaced, and that will be included in the bid. Peter Mitchell questioned if the Port sidewalk will also be paved in this project. Councilor Walborn stated she would like to see a few other places get sidewalks before the Port. Peter Mitchell also stated he has submitted a grant for the Port restrooms to be redone.

The regular meeting was closed at 8:15 p.m.

Jeffery Bufton, Mayor

Pam Rosenbalm, Recorder