

## Regular Council Meeting

May 8, 2019

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on May 8, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Present were Councilors: Leslie Walborn, Denise Ball, Bobby Christensen, Marshall Swope, Susan Jones, Mayor Jeff Bufton, Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm, Attorney Ruben Cleaveland and Recorder Pam Rosenbalm. Absent Councilor: Kelly Margheim. Guests include: Brad Baird, James Wright, Leslee & Nathan Hammer, Rod McGuire, Julius Courtney, Peter Mitchell, Mark & Mary Mitchell, John Stites, Riley Bennett, Harry Lee, Rita Miciak and Tory Flory. Mayor Bufton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### Pledge of Allegiance Recited

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Riley Bennett stated the **river clean up** will be May 18, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Mary Mitchell was present and stated she has an **electrical bid for a project** in the library, the library does however have the funds to cover this. James Wright stated **PPL** is doing a good job on the lights that are out in the city. **Deputy Tory Flory** was present and reported; there is a lot more traffic in town with the nicer weather, he is working on a list for weed abatement, and asked when the city sends out the weed abatement letters, if the Sheriff's Office could get a copy.

**COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE:** Leslee Hammer was present and stated the Chamber had been contacted by KOIN 6 who asked if the Chamber/City would be interested in a weather camera in Arlington. The cost would be \$9000 for a 6 month contract, and the city would need to contribute 25%. The Council was in agreement the Chamber should use the funds they do have to work on a website update, not the weather camera. The fishing derby will be June 1, 2019 and Rod McGuire/The Woolery will be preparing the food, Aug 10, 2019 is the date for the concert in the park from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The consent agenda consisted of the following items: **a.** Approval of minutes-April 3, 2019. **b.** Approval of bills as listed. Councilor Walborn motioned to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Ball.

**GENESIS WIND:** Harry Lee was present and stated he would like to expand the land use for a solar and wind farm in the M-1 zone. Harry said he has strong backing from the Korean side, but would need a 25 year lease agreement from the city. When the project is done, they would

hire 5 employees for maintenance. Mayor Bufton questioned if they would need city utilities. Harry stated yes they would at least need water for cleaning on the solar side. Mayor Bufton stated he would like to have a workshop, including maps and discuss what the needs are and what land would be needed. Harry stated if the Council is willing he would like to bring a check to the city by the end of June, so construction can start by the end of the year. It was consensus of the Council to have a Workshop Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**BRAD BAIRD ANDERSON PERRY & ASSOCIATES-SIDEWALK UPDATE:** Brad Baird was present and stated we have received a contract for the Grant, however, Attorney Cleaveland will need to review it. Brad stated they are a little bit behind on the sidewalk project, but intend on coming down in the next week or so to finish up the design. The Council discussed possible locations of the Columbia River Withdrawal Station; treatment plant, port property or willow creek.

**JULIUS COURTNEY/JOHN STITES-PARK MAINTENANCE:** Julius Courtney was present and stated there is a growing problem with lack of volunteers. Julius stated he would like to see the city get a parks program and a parks employee. The Chamber is willing to help with this project if someone would like to go to the Chamber and speak with them about this partnership. Mayor Bufton stated he wouldn't mind having a part time employee a few hours a week, to work at the park, on the flowers and possibly help with the mowing. The Council asked Julius if the Chamber would send a letter of support, stating they are willing to help with the cost. Consensus of the Council was to post position after receiving the letter. The decision was to pay max of \$1200 for the whole season, with a minimum of 4 hours a week and pay through BBSI.

**ROD MCGUIRE-WOOLERY UPDATE:** Rod McGuire was present and reported; The Woolery had done very well at their SpringFest, their golf tournament will be May 11, 2019. Rod updated the Council on the events The Woolery has been involved with, and stated they are working hard on getting Grants. Another topic Rod addressed is where the funds go as they make money, he stated it takes a lot to put on fundraisers, and their spending is spent on business services, right now they have an Attorney fighting to help keep The Woolery name. Also, Anderson Perry & Associates are working on the property which is zoned M-L, and there are strict rules on what an M-L zone can be used for. Brad Baird from Anderson Perry has been in contact with County Planner Michelle Colby, and there is an option he is working on, to get commercial use in an M-L zone.

**WILLOW CREEK IRRIGATION COMMITTEE:** Mayor Bufton stated the Council had a meeting with the Willow Creek Irrigation Committee, and the Council has now had time to think about what they would like to do. After some discussion, Councilor Walborn motioned the city not

participate in the Willow Creek Irrigation project. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Christensen.

**COUNCILORS REPORT:**

- Councilor Margheim was absent.
- Councilor Jones stated she has had some residents ask her about the speed sign. Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm stated he is working with ODOT on where to place the sign. If a sign is to be read from a state highway it has to be an ODOT approved sign. The Council asked Bill to get in touch with the Medical Center to see if they are willing to purchase the supplies for another trailer, the Public Works Crew will build it. This would give the city another radar sign.
- Councilor Swope had no report to give.
- Councilor Christensen reported; Fire Services has hired Laci Olsen to replace Fire Administrator Shannon Coppock.
- Councilor Ball had no report to give.
- Councilor Walborn reported; she is working on Grants for the park, and the interviews will be completed tomorrow for the weekend clubhouse position at the golf course.
- Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm reported; the Public Works Crew has been busy getting the parks and golf course ready for warmer weather, Bill has been working on quite a few contracts of work hopefully that will be coming into town. Bill updated the Council on the block project at the city park, the Corp of Engineers owns the park and they would need to approve any improvements, and that can take 6-9 months. Bill stated he has sent the drawings to them. Unfortunately nothing can happen regarding the landscaping at the park until the Corp of Engineers approves the plan.

In other business, **Attorney Cleaveland** stated he has tendered his resignation to County Court, but will continue his work with the city. James Wright stated there are areas where the **crickets are active** so all residents need to keep an eye out.

The regular meeting was closed at 8:05 p.m.

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Jeffery Bufton, Mayor

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Pam Rosenbalm, Recorder

