

Regular Council Meeting

April 3, 2019

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on April 3, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Present were Councilors: Leslie Walborn, Denise Ball, Bobby Christensen, Marshall Swope, Susan Jones, Kelly Margheim, Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm, Attorney Ruben Cleaveland and Recorder Pam Rosenbalm. Absent: Mayor Jeffery Bufton. Guests include: Brad Baird, James Wright, Leslee & Nathan Hammer, Rita Miciak, Sue Gasweith, Rod McGuire, Julius Courtney, Peter Mitchell, Alan Cunningham, Marta Mikkalo, Tory Flory, Kip Krebs and Rob Turrie. Council President Ball called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

Council President Ball stated Jordan Maley had informed the city the County Court has approved money for cricket control again this year. President Ball amended the Agenda to add Irrigation Project Meeting Date.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Marta Mikkalo reported Saturday May 4, 2019 is the date for the **Arlington Rodeo**; the parade will be going through town that morning. Marta thanked the city, Councilor Christensen, Sheriff Bettencourt, Deputy Flory and Attorney Cleaveland on moving forward with **pan handling at the park**. **Deputy Flory from the Gilliam County Sheriff's Office reported**; they have been actively working on issues that residents bring to the forefront, one being the traffic going through town. The new Montague Project has brought several more vehicles in, and they are working on educating along with enforcement action. There have been some conversations with the bosses on this project. Susan Gasweith stated she has made a big dent in the **cat population**, and would like donations to help continue spaying and neutering feral cats. Sue also stated she would be willing to take care of the **roses at the park**. The Council agreed this would be helpful.

COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE: Leslee Hammer was present and stated the Chamber is getting ready for their summer projects. The fishing derby will be June 1, 2019; they have a new committee member for the fishing derby, it is Riley Bennett. This year the A-Town Throwdown will be depending on the wind, and contestants will be given a 72 hour notice; the Chamber will be having a concert in the park the month of August. The car show will be July 27, 2019, possibly the SUP Races will be during the car show. The Chamber is

partnering with the Lions Club for a New Year's Eve Ball and is contributing \$500.00 for that. Lastly, May 18, 2019 is date for the river clean up, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and Riley Bennett will serve lunch and provide bags and gloves to those helping

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

GENESIS WIND: Brad Baird was present as messenger for Genesis Wind. Brad pointed out his first concern is for the City of Arlington, and is just giving the update on Harry Lee and Genesis Wind. Harry Lee had a massive stroke and was in a coma for a couple years and recently woke up, which is why the city hasn't heard from him. Harry now has the backing from a large Korean Western Power Company, and has 3 different proposal options for the Industrial Park. Brad distributed a handout out with the options. The options consisted of putting windmills and solar panels in the M-1 Zone. It was consensus of the Council to say no to option 3, which would have closed the airport. The Council asked for Genesis Wind to be on the May Agenda, with Harry Lee attending and answering some of their questions.

BRAD BAIRD ANDERSON PERRY & ASSOCIATES-SIDEWALK UPDATE: Brad Baird was present and informed the Council a \$20,000 Technical Assistance Grant has been secured for the Water System Master Plan. An additional \$30,000 will be needed for the overall cost of \$50,000. The engineering design is almost complete on the Sidewalk Project; advertisement for project should be from April 29th-May 6, 2019. The plan is to award the bid at the June 5, 2019 Council Meeting. Brad stated the new water/sewer connections at the Airport R.V. Park could be anywhere from \$3000-\$4500. Attorney Cleaveland will work with Brad on the price to determine who can complete this project, and whether or not it will need to go out for bid.

COUNCIL ACTIONS APPROVE OR DENY:

Resolution No. 693 Unanticipated Funds: Councilor Walborn motioned to approve Resolution No. 693 to allow for a transfer from operating contingency to miscellaneous. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Swope.

Resolution No. 694 Budget Transfers: Councilor Jones motioned to approve Resolution No. 694. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Swope.

Resolution No. 695 Budget Transfers: Councilor Swope motioned to approve Resolution No. 695. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Jones.

ARLINGTON T.V.CO-OP: Alan Cunningham was present and reported; they now have 107 customers, and are building a hotspot at the airport, and have plans for 2 more.

WILLOW CREEK IRRIGATION PROJECT MEETING DATE: Council President Ball stated at the last Council Meeting there was only 1 hard copy of the Feasibility Study for the Council to review. There were a few Councilors who had not read the Study and requested a paper copy. Councilor Margheim stated she would be able to print off a couple of copies to give out. It was agreed there would be a work session with Kip Krebs from the Willow Creek Irrigation Project on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., also this topic will be on the May Agenda.

CITY HALL LANDSCAPING: Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm reported he had sent out 5 quote request for the City Hall landscaping project, and had received 3 back. One was verbal and the other two were for \$10,800 and \$6985. There were 2 companies who stated they did not want to come to Arlington. Bill stated he would like to help/work with the company who had turned in the lowest bid on the weekends. There was a discussion on whether or not Bill could help on this project. Attorney Cleaveland stated as long as Bill was not making the decision on who was awarded the job, he could help the Contractor. Councilor Walborn motioned to approve the bid from Elk Horn Landscaping for \$6985. Motion passed unanimously after a second from Councilor Christensen. There was a discussion on the city still trying to obtain money to update the landscaping at the Beach Park. Julius Courtney stated he would like the drawing for the park landscaping project be accessible to the public. Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm stated he will get the drawing and quotes to City Hall.

COUNCILORS REPORT:

- Councilor Margheim had not report to give.
- Councilor Jones stated she had been asked if a fence could be put up across from City Hall, and put some cows there for a fire break. Councilor Ball stated that property has been sold to a resident in town. Regarding the crickets on that property; the city is still talk about putting sheep or goats to eat down the grass. However it will be sprayed, and after 2 weeks, then the animals could come.
- Councilor Swope had no report to give.
- Councilor Christensen reported; North Gilliam Rural Fire will be getting their new fire truck the end of April, there are 25 students in the Wildland Fire Training, also there were 7 applications for Shannon Coppocks job (Fire Administrator), with 5 interviews, which should be done next week.

- Councilor Ball had no report to give, but reminded the Council to turn in their Ethics paperwork by April 15, 2019.
- Councilor Walborn stated the city parks are looking nice and it is almost time to hire the lifeguard for the summer. The first golf tournament will be April 13, 2019 for the Arlington Child Care.
- Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm reported; he had been approached informing him that a group of about 500-700 motorcycles would be coming through town May 11, 2019 from Portland to Prineville. This group will be bringing in additional porta potties for that day. Pat Shannon has been in contact with them about a quick lunch, and the preschool will be holding a bake sale. PPL should be here next week to work on the street lights that are out, the bricks should be removed from the lot by the post office soon, the pump work is completed at the golf course, and lastly Bill stated he is waiting for a quote back to rebuild the gazebo.

In other business, Attorney Cleaveland stated he has been working on projects and phone calls as they come in.

The regular meeting was closed at 7:55 p.m.

Denise Ball, Council President

Pam Rosenbalm, Recorder