

## **Regular Council Meeting**

**June 3, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on June 3, 2020 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building via telephone conference. Present by phone were Councilors: Leslie Walborn, Denise Ball, Robert Christensen, Marshall Swope, Susan Jones, Kelly Margheim, Mayor Jeffery Bufton, Attorney Ruben Cleaveland, Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm and Recorder Pam Rosenbalm. Guests via telephone conference call include: Brad Baird, Marta Mikkalo. Mayor Bufton called the Budget Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**BUDGET HEARING:** There was no public comment in the Budget Hearing. Mayor Bufton closed the Budget Hearing and opened the Regular Meeting at 6:35 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

**COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE:** Marta Mikkalo stated the Chamber is moving forward with their regular events. This weekend will be the fishing derby. A fishing license will not be required, as it is free fishing weekend. The car show is planned for the last Saturday in July, and they are trying to hold a three on three basketball tournament, along with a free concert in the evening. Marta stated she is a little concerned about the restrooms at the park being closed during the fishing derby. Mayor Bufton stated the city is working on what needs to be done to reopen. Councilor Walborn reported Ann Deen is going to work on the roses and flowers at the park and Mary Mingo is going to volunteer with her. Councilor Walborn questioned Marta if the Chamber would once again be willing to help financially with the expenses of the work in the roses. Marta said she would need to check the Chamber's Budget.

**BRAD BAIRD/ANDERSON PERRY & ASSOCIATES:** Brad reported at the end of the Sidewalk Project he and the crew will walk the entire project and address any concerns at that time, which is normal procedure. Brad also stated they will need to check the quantities before the end to check and see how much money is left for extra projects. Councilor Jones stated she thinks on Cottonwood there might need to have something taller down towards China Ditch. She also asked if the curb could be painted at one point where it jags out. Councilor Christensen stated he feels the fence going down to China Ditch is good enough, and more shouldn't need to be done. Brad stated the city can finish the project and see if there are any problem areas, and address them then. After the storm the sidewalk by the school has been

somewhat destroyed and it was discussed that may need to be addressed while Crestline Construction is here working. There is also the question if it is school or city property.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The consent agenda consisted of the following items: **a.** Approval of minutes-May 6, 2020. **b.** Approval of bills as listed. Councilor Walborn motioned to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Christensen.

**FINALIZE BUDGET:**

**Resolution No. 707:** Councilor Ball motioned to adopt Resolution 707, a Resolution adopting budget, making appropriations, levying taxes and categorizing taxes. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Christensen.

**Resolution No: 708:** Councilor Christensen motioned to approve Resolution No. 708, declaring the city to receive state revenues. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Ball.

**COUNCIL ACTIONS APPROVE OR DENY:**

**Resolution No. 709 Volunteer Resolution:** Councilor Walborn motioned to approve Resolution No 709, a City of Arlington Volunteer Resolution. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Ball.

**City Hall Reopening:** Mayor Bufton stated the County is applying for Phase 2. If the Council needs to meets in a larger area the Gronquist Building may be an option. Attorney Cleaveland stated we entered into Phase 1, but the State did not change the guidelines for meetings or social distancing. Hopefully, tomorrow we will have an answer on any new guidelines from the State. City Recorder Pam Rosenbalm stated she had been informed the city would need to do contact tracing, and clean after each visitor, and observe the 6 feet distancing. Councilor Ball stated she would be comfortable after hearing the Governor's guidelines that the Mayor and Pam decide how to open City Hall. The Council was in agreement with that.

**COUNCILORS REPORT:**

- Councilor Margheim had no report to give.
- Councilor Jones had no report to give.
- Councilor Swope stated he drove to the airport and it didn't appear there was any storm damage there.
- Councilor Christensen reported; there were 2 fires this week, which appears to have been caused by a fallen electrical wire, he also thought Deputy Flory was going to attend the Council Meeting with a police report.

- Councilor Ball had no report to give.
- Councilor Walborn stated the golf course lost a couple of trees in the storm; she also thanked Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm for helping around town with the damage from the storms. Mayor Bufton also thanked Bill and his crew for all of the help with the clean up. Mayor Bufton stated the staff has been doing a very good job with sanitizing the golf carts and allowing only one person in the club house at a time.
- Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm had no report to give.

In other business, Attorney Cleaveland stated there was a change regarding the wording on “future funds” from the County in the Library IGA. The County will not take out directly or indirectly, on the Indemnity Clause. Mayor Bufton stated he doesn’t feel the Council agrees with how this IGA is worded. Attorney Cleaveland will go back and talk to the County and report back to the Council. Mayor Bufton asked if the letters had been received on the 2 Variances from the previous meeting. City Recorder Rosenbalm stated they have been received in the city office. Mayor Bufton stated the landowners must sign these letters, which states if there are any problems the city can pull those Variances. Councilor Jones stated the house on Shane Drive doesn’t appear to be getting cleaned up after a letter from Attorney Cleaveland. Councilor Christensen stated they have been cleaning up, but there is still work to be done. Attorney Cleaveland stated he can send out a second letter and thank them for the work they have done, but let them know more clean-up is needed.

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

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Jeffery Bufton, Mayor

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Pam Rosenbalm, Recorder

