

Regular Council Meeting

January 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on January 9, 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, Attorney Ruben Cleaveland, Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm and Recorder Pam Rosenbalm. Guests include: Greg & Sherry Smith, Nicole Crane, Debbie Pedro, Brad Baird, Rod McGuire, Julius Courtney, Jenn Tilton, Jason Fanatia, Lori Tilton, Jon Terland, Peter Mitchell, Jenny & Ethan Smallfoot, Mike Margheim, Tony Price, Marta Mikkalo, Anthony Redden, Riley Bennet, Tom Hoskot, Rita Miciak, Nancy Christensen and John Church. Mayor Bufton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attorney Cleaveland administered the Oaths of Office to Councilor's Christensen, Swope and Margheim.

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

PUBLIC COMMENT: Officer Jon Terland introduced new Deputy Anthony Redden, who will be leaving for the Academy in February. Officer Terland went over the monthly Sheriff's report, and informed the Council, the State has awarded the Gilliam County Sheriff's Office \$17,000 in overtime funds, which will be used for traffic enforcement.

COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE: Marta Mikkalo was present and reported; the Chamber is working with the Lions Club for a possible New Year's Eve Ball for next year; the traditional events will be scheduled for 2019. Marta asked about the landscaping at the park. Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm stated he had received a quote for \$42,000 on park landscaping. He will however keep researching possibilities.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consisted of the following items: **a.** Approval of minutes-December 5, 2018. **b.** Approval of bills as listed. Councilor Walborn motioned to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Christensen.

REPRESENTATIVE GREG SMITH: Mayor Bufton thanked Representative Greg Smith for his work on obtaining grant funds for the sidewalk project. Representative Smith stated on Monday he will have the honor of holding the gavel at the front of the House Chambers, as the longest

serving member of the Oregon House in opening session. Representative Smith stated it is an honor serving. Representative Smith explained his Committee Assignments.

BRAD BAIRD-ANDERSON PERRY & ASSOCIATES: Brad Baird was present and stated the city may want to budget \$30,000 for the Water Master Plan in the 2019-2020 budget. As he had submitted a Technical Assistance Grant for \$20,000 to the Infrastructure Financing Authority, the total cost should be \$50,000. Brad then stated the surveying for the Sidewalk Project has been completed, and the design is underway and should be finished this fiscal year. A total cost of \$1,385,000 would be remaining for the next fiscal year. Brad updated the Council on the Water Rights work, which includes a new well permit for the airport well, and revised withdrawal locations for the Columbia River permit. Estimated costs for this work would be in the \$7500 range. Lastly, the Columbia River pumping station estimated cost would be between \$100,000 and \$200,000, depending on the sophistication of the pump station.

HOUSEKEEPING MEASURES:

Councilor Ball motioned to keep the date, time and place of the Council Meetings the same as they were 2018 (First Wednesday after the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building). Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Christensen.

Councilor Walborn motioned to designate Annala, Carey as attorney-of-record; Anderson Perry & Associates as engineer-of-record; BEO and LGPI as depositories-of-record; The Times Journal and East Oregonian as newspapers-of-record, same as 2018. Motion passed unanimously after a second from Councilor Swope.

Councilor Ball motioned to appoint City Recorder Pam Rosenbalm as the 2019 Budget Officer. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Walborn.

Councilor Ball motioned to add Councilor Walborn to replace Diane Wetherell as a bank account signature, which also includes Councilor Ball, Mayor Bufton and City Recorder Pam Rosenbalm. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Jones.

Mayor Bufton appointed Department Commissioners; Margheim-water & sewer, Jones-streets, Swope-airport, Christensen-fire & police, Ball-sanitation, Walborn-parks & recreation.

Councilor Walborn motioned to appoint Councilor Ball as the Council President. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Jones.

COUNCIL ACTIONS APPROVE OR DENY:

2017-18 Audit: Councilor Christensen motioned to accept the 2017-2018 Audit. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Jones.

LSNetworks Agreement: Attorney Cleaveland reviewed the LSNetworks Agreement and has changed a couple of items. However, he was unable to verify the legal description. Brad Baird from Anderson & Perry stated the surveyors working on the sidewalk project can verify that. Attorney Cleaveland stated this is just for an easement, which means they can go across city property that isn't a designated right away. LSNetworks already has a franchise fee agreement. Councilor Ball motioned to approve Telecommunications Line Easement, Exhibit A and Exhibit B, and authorize Mayor Bufton to sign, contingent on report from city engineer that legal description is correct. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Walborn.

COUNCILORS REPORT:

- Councilor Margheim had no report to give.
- Councilor Jones had no report to give.
- Councilor Swope stated the airport looks good.
- Councilor Christensen reported the fire dept will be meeting this month.
- Councilor Ball reported the sanitation service will be back on normal schedule next week.
- Councilor Walborn stated she has no report to give at this time.
- Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm reported the price previously discussed was for the park landscaping, included the city contributing. Bill stated he would like to speak with Gary Smythe on concrete work, if the city is contributing to this project, he also will be meeting with another landscaping company to get their quote.

In other business, Peter Mitchell stated; Anderson Perry will be doing the survey for the Willow Creek Property, the Port has a signed lease on the Flex Building, the irrigation study is completed and is on the Port's Website, the farmers involved will now need to decide how they would like to proceed. Peter then thanked Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm for mowing at the Mesa Park.

The regular meeting was closed at 7:40 p.m.

Jeffery Bufton, Mayor

Pam Rosenbalm, Recorder

