

## Regular Council Meeting

April 4, 2018

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on April 4, 2018 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Present were Councilors: Diane Wetherell, Leslie Walborn, Denise Ball, Robert Christensen, Marshall Swope, Susan Jones, Mayor Jeffery Bufton, Attorney Ruben Cleaveland and Recorder Pam Rosenbalm. Guests include: Bill Rosenbalm, Jim Wright, Tom Hoskot, John Church, Kevin Hunking, Kevin Olsen, Jon Terland, Tony Price, David Anderson, Peter Mitchell, Marta Mikkalo, Brad Baird, Kip Krebs, Water Exploratory Member, Rita Miciak, Jenny Smallfoot, Ethan Smallfoot, Les Rourke, Darrell Potter and Julius Courtney. Mayor Bufton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### **Pledge of Allegiance Recited**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** School Superintendent Kevin Hunking was present and reported; the **school year** is going great, and the next school year calendar is set. So if there is a conflict with dates please let them know. There appears to be a problem at the school with drones following students home, and between both schools. Attorney Cleaveland stated he would need to research if anything could be done, because the laws have not kept up with the technology regarding drones. It was consensus of the Council to have Attorney Cleaveland research Ordinance's regarding drones in town. David Anderson was present and stated; the **ambulance department** has just ordered an ambulance to replace an older one, there will be an EMT and EMR class coming up. Also, it is a possibility the clinic may have to cut back hours of operation to 4 days a week. Business has gone down since Waste Management has started sending their workers to other clinics. Jon Terland from the **Gilliam County Sheriff's Office** informed the Council the radar signs are in, and just waiting to be installed. He also stated Justice Court had informed their office that a case came up concerning a nuisance dog, and the owner went in and paid the \$25.00 fine, therefore, the Judge did not hear the case. Attorney Cleaveland stated on the ticket it could say in lieu of fine must appear. Deputy Terland stated the Officer had done that, the Judge still wanted to possibly change the Ordinance, so she would see each case. Lastly, there were 22 police cases within the City of Arlington during the month of March.

**COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE:** Marta Mikkalo was present and reported; on May 3, 2018, there will be a candidates forum at the Gronquist Building, and May 5 & 6, 2018 is the Arlington Rodeo.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The consent agenda consisted of the following items: **a.** Approval of minutes-March 7, 2018. **b.** Approval of bills as listed. Councilor Walborn motioned to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Ball.

**JIM WRIGHT-ARLINGTON SECURITY COMMITTEE:** Jim Wright was present and referenced a letter that had been sent out to the Councilors; one issue he feels the city is lacking is security cameras. Jim stated money is always an issue; however Gilliam County has a contingency line in their budget. Another issue beyond the cameras is the Sheriff's Office and the communication with other entities, which has gotten better lately. However, he feels the Council needs to be informed by the Sheriff's Office as to what is going on. Jim also stated he would like the Council to review the Intergovernmental Agreement; and also the safety of the City Recorder needs to be addressed, that office is open and at risk. Jim said previously District Attorney Weatherford had suggested quarterly, the Council meet with him and the Judge and the Sheriff's Office. The Security Committee could help organized those meetings. Deputy Terland stated we are seeing the cause and effect of the drug laws being relaxed. He also stated he would like to know what the expectations of the Council are. Mayor Bufton stated he feels the quarterly meetings will help with the communication between all the entities. Cameras placed on the exits coming in and going out of town would pick up the cars coming and going. Mayor Bufton stated the Council would need to review the suggestions that were requested by the Security Committee. Les Rourke suggested Attorney Cleaveland also be kept in the loop on these meetings.

**COUNCIL ACTIONS APPROVE OR DENY:**

**PPL Franchise:** Attorney Cleaveland asked for motion for the PPL Franchise Ordinance. Councilor Walborn motioned to have the first reading of the PPL Franchise Ordinance by title only. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Wetherell. Attorney Cleaveland read the Ordinance by title only. Councilor Ball motioned to accept first reading by title only. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Christensen. Councilor Ball motioned to have the second reading by title only. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Walborn. Attorney Cleaveland read the Franchise Ordinance title again. Councilor Ball motioned to accept second reading and adopt the Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Walborn. Councilor Ball motioned to have the City Recorder assign this Ordinance the next consecutive number. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Wetherell.

**IRRIGATION WATER DISCUSSION:** Peter Mitchell from the Port of Arlington introduced Kip Krebs as the committee chair for the Willow Creek Irrigation Committee. Kip stated a group of Willow Creek farmers had approached the Port for irrigation water, and Willow Creek is one point that the city can withdraw water from. Brad Baird from Anderson Perry & Associates was

present and stated the city's Columbia River water permit can potentially be utilized by others, under specific conditions, which are complicated. This process was completed by NOAA, and negotiations took up to 3 years. Brad also indicated that he thinks a meeting with Mike Ladd from OWRD out of Pendleton should be the next step. After meeting with Mike Ladd the city would have a better idea of what they can and can't do. Darrell Potter was present and stated he wanted to urge the Council to think about the commitment with this group, because of the cost the farmers will be putting in. Jim Wright stated he had pumped water out of the river for some windmill projects, so the city may have those records of the amount allowed, and cost. Kip Krebs stated there could be a huge trickle down affect if this were to take place, such as; more workers, and or more businesses in town. It was consensus of the Council to meet with Mike Ladd. Water Commissioner Walborn and Councilor Swope along with Mayor Bufton will attend this meeting.

**LIGHTSPEED NETWORKS, INC. FRANCHISE:** It was consensus of the Council for Attorney Cleaveland to review this Franchise which the city had previously discussed.

**R.V. ORDINANCE DISCUSSION:** Attorney Cleaveland stated this item is going through the state process at this time, and he will update the Council when he knows more.

**COUNCILORS REPORT:**

- Councilor Jones had no report to give.
- Councilor Swope had no report to give.
- Councilor Christensen had no report to give.
- Councilor Ball had no report to give.
- Councilor Walborn stated the Council needs to discuss some concern with staff at the golf course. Attorney Cleaveland stated the Council needs to address this issue differently.
- Councilor Wetherell stated the punch cards which were previously sold, should be accepted for the price of golf now, not what they were paid for. The Council agreed.

In other business, Peter Mitchell stated he is working on getting a \$100,000 grant for Engineering to pave the airport runway. The Council agreed this was a good idea.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. and executive session was opened per ORS 192.660 (2) (a) at 7:54 p.m. Executive session was closed at 8:17 p.m. Regular session was reopened at 8:18 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT POSITION:** Councilor Walborn motioned to offer the Public Works Superintendent position to Bill Rosenbalm. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Ball. A formal letter will be sent out in the next day or so.

The regular meeting was closed at 8:27 p.m.

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Jeffery Bufton, Mayor

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Pam Rosenbalm, Recorder