

Regular Council Meeting

November 6, 2019

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on November 6, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Present were Councilors: Leslie Walborn, Denise Ball, Robert Christensen, Marshall Swope, Susan Jones, Kelly Margheim, Mayor Jeffery Bufton, Attorney Ruben Cleaveland and Recorder Pam Rosenbalm. Absent: Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm. Guests include: James Wright, Brad Baird, Tory Flory, Leah Shannon, Leslee Hammer, Marta Mikkalo, Sue Gaiswith, Mary Mitchell, Rita Miciak, Marion Weatherford, Alan Anderson, David Anderson, Christopher Jackson and Julius Courtney. Mayor Bufton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

Mayor Bufton Amended the Agenda to include Resolution No. 700, at the request of Attorney Cleaveland.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Marta Mikkalo was present and stated she and Ron had gone into the **restrooms at the park** and they were clean, but smelled horrible. Marta stated she feels the restrooms need to be updated, and the equipment in there is worn out. Councilor Walborn stated as the Parks Commissioner she will discuss this with Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm. Sue Gaiswith stated she has been getting **the roses at the park ready for winter**. David Anderson was present and updated the Council on some of the working details at the **Arlington Ambulance**. Deputy Tory Flory was present and stated there are some posters around town regarding **disposing of prescriptions**; the Gilliam County Sheriff's Office will work on correct disposal. There will be 2 new Deputies starting next week; one will live in Arlington, and the other in Condon. James Wright was present and stated the **street lights are in good working order**. James also stated he had left a contract for the Council to review between the Port and their gravel crusher. Marion Weatherford reported he had been to several meetings when the Council was working on **new mobile home standards** in the trailer parks in town. New homes coming in must meet the new standards. Marion stated he would like the Council to have the City Planner start the process over with Columbia River Park, in asking for a site plan and their intentions. Mary Mitchell from **Arlington Public Library** handed out their financial report, and stated the update is completed in the electronic room.

COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE: Leslee Hammer was present and reported the Chamber had a successful trunk or treat on Halloween. The Chamber will be putting up lights this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in the park; however they won't be plugged in until later. The summer concert has been moved; the Chamber is still looking for an Administrator, and there will be no "no-snowman" or Winter Wallapoolza this year.

BRAD BAIRD-ANDERSON PERRY & ASSOCIATES: Brad Baird was present and reminded the Council the next Water System Master Plan meeting will be January 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Brad stated there is a well down at the park, but it can only be used for the park; Brad would like to research to see if it can be used for more, along with the wells at the golf course. The sidewalk project has begun and based on the math, they are at 33% completion; ADA work at city hall will be added in the parking lot. Brad stated he would like to come to next month's meeting with a plan for additional sidewalk construction. Mayor Bufton signed the 3 pay request from the Contractors regarding the sidewalks.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consisted of the following items: a. Approval of minutes-October 9, 2019. b. Approval of bills as listed. Councilor Walborn motioned to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Ball.

RESOLUTION NO. 700: Attorney Cleaveland handed out Resolution No. 700, a Resolution to Authorize Lease Agreement between City of Arlington and Genesis Wind, Inc. Councilor Christensen motioned to approve Resolution No. 700. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Walborn.

COUNCIL ACTIONS-APPROVE OR DENY:

Holiday gifts/party: It was consensus of the Council to approve monetary gifts of \$125.00 to full time employees, along with \$25.00 gift certificate to Arlington Market. The Planning Commission will also receive the gift certificate. The Council agreed the Christmas Party will be December 15, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. with dinner at 5:00 p.m.

LEAH SHANNON WASTE MANAGEMENT: Leah was present to give an annual report for Waste Management; volumes were up at both Columbia Ridge and Chemical Waste, employment opportunities are available, and there are a few construction projects underway.

COUNCILORS REPORT:

- Councilor Margheim had no report to give.
- Councilor Jones had no report to give.
- Councilor Swope reported the Woolery had their event at the airport, which went very well.
- Councilor Christensen reported there will be a public safety night Tuesday November 12, 2019 at the fire hall, starting at 6:00 p.m.
- Councilor Ball stated there haven't been any problems with regards to resident's sewers with the sidewalk project going on.
- Councilor Walborn reported the city is still waiting to hear from the Corps of Engineers regarding the grant for the park project.
- Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm was absent.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Jeffrey Bufton, Mayor

Pam Rosenbalm, Recorder

