

Regular Council Meeting

January 10, 2018

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on January 10, 2018 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Present were Councilors: Diane Wetherell, Leslie Walborn, Denise Ball, Robert Christensen, Susan Jones, Mayor Jeffery Bufton, Attorney Ruben Cleaveland and Recorder Pam Rosenbalm. Absent Councilor: Marshall Swope. Guests include: Gary Bettencourt, Tory Flory, Marion Weatherford, Jim Wright, Leslie Wetherell, Cris & Joe Patnode, Chris Schiller, Riley Bennett, Marta Mikkalo, Matt Geise, Brad Baird, Nathan Smallfoot and Ethan Smallfoot. Mayor Bufton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

PUBLIC COMMENT: Marta Mikkalo reported County Court had **filmed their last meeting** and would then be putting it on You Tube. Marta felt the Council should also film their meetings, saying the only cost would be the equipment. One drawback is the meetings would not be live. Mayor Bufton stated this had come up before, and at that time, the Council felt they would like to see people at the meetings in person, if possible. However, the Council may discuss this later. **Sheriff Gary Bettencourt** was present and stated Jon Terland is at the National FBI Council for the next 3 months. It was discussed the Council had agreed on the radar speed sign, at their last meeting. Gary then introduced new Deputy Tory Flory. Tory is living in Condon but is appointed to Arlington. Mayor Bufton congratulated Sheriff Bettencourt on his award.

COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE: Marta Mikkalo was present and stated the Winter Wallapalooza was held in the Gronquist Building. The first Community Chamber Meeting of the year will be the end of January, in which they will elect officers and plan their year.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consisted of the following items: **a.** Approval of minutes-December 6, 2017. **b.** Approval of bills as listed. Councilor Walborn motioned to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Wetherell.

BRAD BAIRD-ANDERSON PERRY & ASSOCIATES/SIDEWALK GRANT UPDATE: Brad was present and stated ODOT is requesting the City review and approve the Local Agency Funding Agreement, which is standard. Brad will correspond with ODOT and let them know the Council will review this agreement, and discuss at the February Meeting. Brad stated disbursements vary from 2018 to 2024. The City may need to secure interim financing for the designing in

2018, and then building could take place in 2019. Brad stated he would have more information on that at the February Council Meeting.

CHARGE POINT-CHARGING STATION: Matt Geise from Charge Point was present and wanted to discuss a few points, one being the landscaping. The grass and sprinkler system that are at the site now may need to be removed, and changed to possibly river rock. Councilor Ball questioned when would the project start if the agreement is signed. Matt stated 10-14 months from today. Councilor Ball stated she would like to have a date certain on when the project would start. Matt suggested putting a date of either when the sites are built, or the date when the fee would start. A couple of other points were keeping the parking area clean, he would like to see if someone cleans the parking lots or blows the weeds out, that they would not bypass their area. Also, there was a question on Insurance, they have it through a large company, however, if they were to reduce or cancel it, these would be terms they would give notice for. Attorney Cleaveland stated these were a few issues he and their Attorneys have been working on.

RACHEL WEINSTEIN-FIRST IMPRESSIONS: Marta Mikalo was present for Rachel, reporting the City of Arlington has the opportunity to partner with another city, in the First Impression Program. A resident from the other city comes to Arlington and gives a First Impression of our town, and then the City of Arlington sends a few people to the partnering city, and gives their First Impression of their city. There is a \$500.00 cost, however, the John Day Territory Group will pickup that cost. Consensus of the Council is to proceed onto the next step with this program. On another note the kiosk sign is ready to be installed this weekend, but that depends on if the city and John Day Territory Group can get together.

JIM WRIGHT-ARLINGTON SECURITY COMMITTEE: Jim thanked the Council on allowing them to go ahead with their Security Committee. They have invited Sheriff Bettencourt and Judge Shaffer to attend these meetings, along with the District Attorney. They are working on a magnet (which could be put on home refrigerators) informing the public to call 911 if they see something out of the ordinary, along with the non-emergency numbers.

HOUSE KEEPING MEASURES:

Councilor Wetherell motioned to keep the **regular meeting** of the Council on the first Wednesday after the first Monday of the month at the hour of 6:60 p.m. in the Municipal Building Council Chambers. The motion also included designations of Annala, Carey, Baker and Thompson as **attorney-of record**; The Times Journal and East Oregonian as **newspapers-of-record**; Bank of Eastern Oregon and Local Government Investment Pool as **depositories-of-record**, and Anderson Perry & Associates as **engineer-of-record**. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Christensen. Councilor Ball motioned to appoint Recorder Pam

Rosenbalm as **Budget Officer** for 2018. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Walborn. It was consensus of the Council to keep the **authorized signatures for bank account** as they are now; Mayor Bufton, Councilor Wetherell, Councilor Ball and Recorder Rosenbalm. Mayor Bufton kept the **Commissioners positions** the same; Jones-streets, Swope-airport, Christensen-fire & police, Ball-sanitation, Walborn-water & sewer and Wetherell-parks & golf.

COUNCIL ACTIONS APPROVE OR DENY:

2016-2017 Audit Councilor Walborn motioned to approve the 2016-2017 Audit. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Ball.

R.V. ORDINANCE DISCUSSION: Attorney Cleaveland requested the Council give their input on the draft R.V. Ordinance, which had been distributed in November. Mayor Bufton stated he was satisfied with the R.V. portion on the draft copy, and the Council did not bring any questions up regarding the R.V. portion. Attorney Cleaveland stated he will work on the Ordinance for manufactured homes and mobile homes siting in parks.

COUNCILORS REPORT:

- Councilor Jones had no report to give.
- Councilor Christensen reported the fire hall did not meet this month; however, he has been informed the sprinkler system in the fire hall is getting fixed.
- Councilor Ball reported the sanitation department is fine; however, she would like to have another meeting regarding the PPL Franchise. It was agreed January 25, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. would be the next meeting date.
- Councilor Walborn reported the water and sewer departments are fine.
- Councilor Wetherell reported the golf course has no problems, and it was nice to have the Christmas Party out there.

In other business, Attorney Cleaveland said to call him if the committee has any questions on the **PPL Franchise**. Mayor Bufton stated Public Works Superintendent Tim Wetherell has submitted his **letter of retirement** as of June 1, 2018. Mayor Bufton also reported there had been a **cricket meeting**, and it was discussed on how they will be dealing with the crickets. The city will gear up and attack like last year; in getting more supplies, and the state is now involved. Sheriff Bettencourt questioned how are **street lights that are out**, get reported. Recorder Rosenbalm stated if the pole numbers and address are brought in to her, she will call PPL and report them. Riley Bennett stated they have lived here for a couple of

years, and he has noticed in the summer there is quite a bit of **debris at the water bank**, and he questioned if the city had a cleanup day, and that he would be willing to help clean up.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Jeffery Bufton, Mayor

Pam Rosenbalm, Recorder