

Regular Council Meeting

August 5, 2020

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on August 5, 2020 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building via telephone conference. Present by phone or in person were Councilors: Leslie Walborn, Denise Ball, Robert Christensen, Marshall Swope, Mayor Jeffery Bufton, Attorney Ruben Cleaveland, Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm and Recorder Pam Rosenbalm. Absent Councilors: Susan Jones and Kelly Margheim. Guests include: Brad Baird, Jim Wright and Daren Jones. Mayor Bufton called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Wright was present and stated he is having trouble with dirt in his house water filter. He would like to come up with a plan to get a location on where this dirt is coming from, as this hasn't been a problem before. Brad Baird questioned if the Company installing Fiber Optic was drilling. Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm stated he thought they had bored. Jim then asked where the city is with the RFP for the gravel pit. Mayor Bufton stated that had been tabled. Daren Jones owner of 475 Shane Drive stated he would like water meters installed at each individual trailer in Columbia River Park. Mayor Bufton stated the city doesn't go onto private property and install meters, which would be the case inside the trailer park. Daren stated you come and pick up the garbage. It was explained that is a different issue, there are just a couple of places to stop and get the garbage cans, and they are not at each trailer. Daren stated the meters would allow him to see each residents water use. Mayor Bufton stated the city would be doing your bookkeeping and that is not our place. Daren stated I see your point.

COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE: There was no Chamber update.

BRAD BAIRD-ANDERSON PERRY & ASSOCIATES: Brad Baird was present and reported; there are some challenges to overcome on the Sidewalk Project. Brad stated the Contractor (Crestline) stopped work until the question of available money was worked out. Crestline has started another job, waiting for a resolution, but will return in a couple weeks to finish. There are some areas of asphalt that the Contractor will be redoing. Councilor Walborn questioned if the city was within the budget. Brad stated no, we are currently \$50,000 to \$75,000 over; there were some changes as they went along. Councilor Christensen asked if the Contractor had been watching the project closely. Brad said yes, when the Contractor stated there was an issue with the quantities that is when work stopped. Brad stated they will take care of this so there is no impact to the city, and everything that did get completed, needed to be done. Brad stated as a result he has been looking at sources for extra money, and then informed the Council, Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm has completed a SCA Grant, with Brad finishing the Engineering portion. Brad said if no additional funding is found, he will ask the Contractor to help out with his concessions. Brad stated he will try to have the Water Master Plan completed for Council review, in time for the September Council Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consisted of the following items: a. Approval of minutes-July 8, 2020. b. Approval of bills as listed. Councilor Christensen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Walborn.

COUNCIL ACTIONS-APPROVE OR DENY:

Red Flag Policy: Recorder Pam Rosenbalm explained this Program is to help detect and prevent Identity Theft. Councilor Christensen motioned to adopt the Red Flag Prevention Program. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Swope.

RESOLUTION NO 701: Councilor Walborn motion to approve Resolution No. 701, a Resolution to raise water and sewer rates \$1.00 a month each. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Ball. Councilor Walborn stated the city needs to look at the utility rates each year. Mayor Bufton stated the Council should look at making a plan on the water and sewer rates, and needed improvements.

PARK RESTROOM UPDATE: Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm stated the company arrived and taped off the restroom area at the park for painting. He stated there was no prior warning when they would be here, however, the restrooms are now painted and cleaned up.

COUNCILORS REPORT:

- Councilor Margheim was absent.
- Councilor Jones was absent.
- Councilor Christensen reported; there has been a fire almost every day, also the fire dept received a humvee, which they will put a water tank on.
- Councilor Swope had no report to give.
- Councilor Ball had no report to give.
- Councilor Walborn stated she has met with the lighting committee, and what they really want is dusk to dawn lights at the park, which may take a lot of engineering work. However, one thing to remember is the Corps of Engineers owns a portion of the park.
- Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm reported the Corps of Engineers had stated the initial request the city had made for the GEO Mats was "lost in the shuffle". Bill gave details on some cost issues at the waste water plant. Approximately \$15,000 will be needed for repairs this year, Brian Foster will prioritize those needs.

In other business, Attorney Cleaveland asked if the Council had any questions regarding the Memorandum to the Library Board. This was in regards to the IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement). There were no problems or questions with the Memorandum.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Jeffrey Bufton, Mayor

Pam Rosenbalm, Recorder

