

Regular Council Meeting

August 8, 2018

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on August 8, 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, Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm and Recorder Pam Rosenbalm. Guests include: Tiffany Wilkins, Samantha Barber, David Anderson, Tena Ferguson, Jon Terland, Brad Baird, Jim Wright, Julius Courtney, Rita Miciak, Kelly & Mike Margheim, John Salley, Lori Tilton, Nancy Christensen, John Church, Andrew & Missy Knight, Gary Wagner, Nicolia Mehrling, Brian Foster, Susie Crosby, Joe Claughton, David Gossett and Peter Mitchell. Mayor Bufton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

PUBLIC COMMENT: Deputy Jon Terland was present and stated the Sheriff's Office will be sending a **stat report each month**, stating there is copy in the Councilor's packets tonight. David Anderson from the **Gilliam County Health District and ambulance** was present and reported; there will be a CPR training Saturday August 25, 2018, at Earl Snell Park from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Also, the Clinic had lost Waste Management as a client, which has resulted in the need for a change. At this time he was unsure of what that would be, possibly shorter hours and or less days. **Fire Chief** Joe Claughton was present and reported; there are bids going out for an interface truck tomorrow, Joe also stated there has been some concern about a fire break on the west side of town. Joe stated, if a fire line along the fence were to be graded, that would benefit the fire trucks also, as they could drive across it. Mayor Bufton stated he would like to have a subcommittee, which could include landowners, to come up with a fire management plan. Councilor Jones asked about the previously discussed kosha plant. Joe said it could be expensive if it doesn't take, and being able to drive a truck along the fence would be the best way at this point to fight a fire. Councilor Christensen questioned if the windmills were being maintained, referring to the latest fire. Joe stated they have maintenance crews out there working on the windmills, and this last fire looks as if it were an electrical fire not a maintenance fire. John Church was present and stated the **sprinklers at the golf course** are up in the rough, he feels they need to be capped off and pulled back into the fairway. Mayor Bufton stated the Public Works Superintendent is aware of this and is looking to see if there is an issue. **Missy Knight** was present, and stated she has a racism complaint. Saying it is not right for Councilor Bobby Christensen to come into her place of work and referred to her in an ethnically insensitive manner, twice. Missy stated she is very proud to be Native American, and

doesn't appreciate her name being slandered. Mayor Bufton stated racism is not something that should happen, and this will be looked into. Councilor Christensen said he would like to respond to this. Mayor Bufton stated this is not the correct forum for that. Attorney Cleaveland stated he would like to thank Missy for the courage it took to come in and he will look into this. Nancy Christensen stated she would like to respond, and request a meeting with David Anderson-ambulance because she and her husband do not feel like they would be helped because of some hatred on the ambulance. Mayor Bufton again stated this is not the correct forum for this discussion. Susie Crosby stated she realizes she doesn't live in the city limits, but has almost had to evacuate a couple times lately. She would like to see some sort of an **evacuation plan**. Jim Wright stated the **fire department** did a great job getting this last fire out with the gusty winds. Jim also stated as far as the **Security Committee** is concerned, lights are out at the basketball courts, and on the dock, along with the Airport R.V. Park. Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm stated the lights at the R.V. Park were so bright the tenants could not sleep, so the lights were turned off. It was discussed to possibly put in led lights or something less bright. Peter Mitchell stated he would like to introduce Kelly Margheim as Denise Ball's **replacement at the Port**.

COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE: The Council reviewed an updated financial report from the Chamber.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consisted of the following items: **a.** Approval of minutes-July 11, 2018. **b.** Approval of bills as listed. Councilor Christensen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Wetherell. Councilor Walborn stated kosha had been misspelled and needed to be corrected.

NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE: Nicolía Mehrling was present and stated the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is federally mandated. Nicolía stated she is here tonight to update the Council on this Plan, and gave a power point presentation. Julius Courtney asked if there was money available to put these plans into actions. Nicolía stated there is, but you need to apply. It is a good idea if there is a big project, you would be more likely to get the funds. Brad Baird from Anderson Perry stated his company would be able to look at this application and see if they could work through it, as Nicolía stated it is a very complicated application.

BRAD BAIRD SIDEWALK GRANT: Brad Baird was present and stated the city will need to decide where the sidewalks will be built. This way the designs can be worked on during the winter, and go out for bid early next year. The city will need to prioritize the locations, as some areas will cost more than others. There will be a meeting on Monday September 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to discuss the locations.

COUNCIL ACTIONS APPROVE OR DENY:

Donation to Arlington Security Committee: Mayor Bufton stated the Council had directed himself and Recorder Pam Rosenbalm to review the budget, and find \$400 to donate to the Security Committee, on direction for possible cameras. Mayor Bufton stated this can come from the Mayor's Discretionary fund. It was consensus of the Council to donate the \$400.00.

Red Flag Rule: Councilor Walborn motioned to adopt the Red Flag Rule, which is designed to prevent and detect identity theft. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Wetherell.

Resolution No. 690-Sale of Mower Parts: Councilor Walborn motioned to approve Resolution No. 690, which is approval for the sale of mower parts to The Dalles Golf Course. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Christensen.

COUNCILORS REPORT:

- Councilor Jones reported Brad Baird had given the update on the sidewalk grant already.
- Councilor Swope reported the airport is fine.
- Councilor Christensen reported his report on police and fire had been given by Joe Cloughton and Deputy Jon Terland.
- Councilor Ball reported sanitation department is running fine.
- Councilor Walborn stated the water and sewer funds are running fine, and the sewer project is a little bit behind. However, Brad Baird is working on getting a new construction company to rush this project. Brad Baird stated he has contractors and he will look into this.
- Councilor Wetherell stated the golf course looks very nice and they have received their new mower.
- Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm stated the new golf carts should be delivered Friday. Bill also stated working on machinery and the sewer issue has been taking up most of his time

In other business, Peter Mitchell reported; the airport runway paving project is still alive, this means Arlington will possibly receive \$100,000 for engineering, the flex building is very close to being done, and lastly, the Port has finally gotten the scale finished, which directs traffic in a little different way.

The regular meeting was closed at 7:54 p.m.

Jeffery Bufton, Mayor

Pam Rosenbalm, Recorder