

City of Arlington
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2022

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on October 5, 2022 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Presiding: Mayor Jeffery Bufton.

Council Present: Denise Ball (call-in), Robert Christensen, Jerry Hanan, and Matthew Irby.

Council Absent: Marshall Swope.

Staff Present: Recorder Kari Hayter, Public Works Superintendent Shanna Gronquist, and Attorney Ruben Cleaveland.

Guests: Rita Miciak, Jed Crowther, Leah Shannon, Pat Shannon, Mark Davidson and Kayla Rayburn.

Call to Order: Mayor Bufton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Recited.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No Public Comment.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Consent agenda consisted of the following items:
 - a. Approval of minutes – Regular Meeting September 7, 2022.
 - b. Approval of bills as listed.

Councilor Christensen motioned to approve the consent agenda and the bills as listed, motion seconded by Councilor Irby. Motion passed unanimously. Councilor Hanan was absent the September meeting, he abstained from the minute approval.

3. **JED CROWTHER, PORT OF ARLINGTON**

- a. **Arlington MESA** – Jed discussed the Arlington Mesa – Industrial Development & Airport Improvements MEMO provided to the Councilors. Jed stated as you’re aware, we’re working with a non-disclosure company and they’ve asked a question about the plans for the airport. Another thing that relates to the airport is they just came out with another grant funding cycle. It’s the COAR grant, a type of grant for airports. The 2016 engineering studies by Anderson and Perry prepared airport paving plans. Current pricing could be refreshed accordingly, as compiled by the data and quantity of materials. Do we want to pursue grants for airport paving? Mayor Bufton stated the Council isn’t opposed to paving the airport strip, we understand it might be a draw for businesses. We’ve had other areas in the past that need funding. It’s a balance and timing factor, do we pave the strip to attract businesses or pave the strip after businesses are built. These grants are due this month? I suppose we could look into applying for the grant to see future costs. It might not hurt to get that funding. Jed stated he’ll look into the funding. We anticipate some detailed review once we get a letter of interest. This is promising interest. Let’s make sure we do what’s right for Arlington and Gilliam County.

4. **BRAD BAIRD, ANDERSON PERRY & ASSOCIATES:** Recorder Hayter reported on Brad Baird's behalf. Recorder Hayter stated the Wastewater Facilities Plan workshop needs to be rescheduled. Brad is available October 19th, October 26th or November 2nd. Meeting time is 6:00pm to 7:30pm. The Council decided to schedule the workshop for Wednesday, October 19th at 6:00pm.

5. **APPROVE OR DENY**

a. **Councilor Thuener Resignation and Declare Council Vacancy** - Mayor Bufton stated Councilor Thuener submitted his resignation. Attorney Cleaveland stated the Charter states we need to accept the resignation, it's up to the Council on how they want to fill the vacancy. Given the election is in one month, one option is to wait for the election results. You can appoint the person that prevails in the election. They can fill the vacancy and serve out the remainder of Councilor Thuener's term. Councilor Irby stated appoint the person running unopposed. **The consensus of the Council is to wait for the election results. Make the appointment at the November Council meeting and swear in the election winner at the December meeting. Councilor Hanan motioned to accept Councilor Thuener's resignation, motion seconded by Councilor Christensen. Motion passed unanimously.**


6. **COUNCILORS REPORTS**

- Councilor Irby – Kip Krebs submitted bids for the basketball court improvements. The bids total \$8,256; there shouldn't be any problem getting County grant funding for this. The City cost is 25% for matching funds. I'll have a packet at the next meeting for everyone. The 3 on 3 tournament is growing. Kip would like the improvements completed before the July tournament. Superintendent Gronquist stated the City will need to get permission from the Corp. Corp approval process takes time, we should start now.
- Councilor Swope – absent.
- Councilor Christensen – North Gilliam Fire has had 58 calls to date for the year. Boardman has offered a pumper truck for \$40,000. I'll know more after the next meeting.
- Councilor Ball – no report.
- Public Works Superintendent Gronquist – We're plugging golf course greens tomorrow. An environmental class from the school is volunteering. We're working on water telemetry; the wastewater plant is running good.
- Attorney Cleaveland – no report.
- Recorder Hayter - Planner Fatland needs direction from the Council on how to proceed with rezoning Columbia View Estates. This would be a Zoning Ordinance amendment or Zoning Map amendment, everyone in that zone and possibly the City would have to be noticed. The amendment would reduce the property rights of Columbia View property owners. The Council has two options. One option is to increase R-1 lot minimum lot size, currently set at 7,500 square feet. This will affect all R-1 zoned areas in town. Another option is to create a new residential zone that only applies to Columbia View Estates and set a larger minimum lot size. The minimum lot size shouldn't be smaller than the smallest existing lot which is 10,552 square feet. **The consensus of the Council is for Planner Fatland to provide additional information at the November Council meeting on creating a new residential zone for Columbia View Estates.**

Executive Session opened at 6:57p.m. pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e): To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the Governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:17p.m.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:17p.m.


Jeffery Bufton, Mayor


Kari Hayter, Recorder