

Regular Council Meeting

February 5, 2020

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on February 5, 2020 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, Sherrie Wilkins, Leslee, Olivia & Evelyn Hammer, Tory Flory, Rita Miciak, Rod McGuire, Peter Mitchell and Randy Seely. Mayor Bufton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sherrie Wilkins was present and informed the Council; Judge Farrar has the **IGA draft** for the library, however she would like to tweak a couple of things in there, and then it will be sent to Mayor Bufton and Attorney Cleaveland. James Wright was present and stated the **lighting group**, has come up with idea to possibly use spot lights down at the park. This would be north to south and east to west lighting. Councilor Jones stated she had been approached about putting **street lights up at Columbia View Estates**. Mayor Bufton stated this topic had come up a while ago and the residents in Columbia View Estates were happy with the way things were. Mayor Bufton stated the city would need to look into the price of putting lighting up there. Rod McGuire on behalf of the Woolery asked for permission to use **Alkali Park** for their Springfest, on May Day to sale flowers and food. It was consensus of the Council to approve that use. Deputy Tory Flory was present and reported their **two new Officers** are still in the Academy, and all are excited for them to get back in the county. January had been a busy month for the Sheriff's Office. Councilor Christensen questioned if Officer Flory was in charge of Arlington and he said yes. Councilor Christensen stated it had been discussed on whether that Officer should live in Arlington. Deputy Flory stated the north end of the county has several officers who live in Arlington. Councilor Walborn stated she would like to see the code enforcement officer be an officer who lives in Arlington. Deputy Flory stated all the officers should be able to enforce the codes whether they live in Arlington or not. Deputy Flory then stated there are two teams, currently there are two Deputies on from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. or midnight, everyday. When the Deputies return from the Academy, hopefully there will be three Officers on at a time, everyday. Peter Mitchell stated on February 10, 2020 the **railroad crossing on Port Island Road**, will be closed, as it is being worked on from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 am. Peter also informed the Council the **railroad depot building** on Shane and Railroad Avenue is being built for Watco, and the contractor is China Creek Construction.

COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE: Leslee Hammer was present and stated; the detailed financial report she had handed out was what the Chamber had spent for the year of 2019.

BRAD BAIRD-ANDERSON PERRY & ASSOCIATES: Mayor Bufton stated the sidewalk project should resume in March according to Brad Baird who was unable to attend this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consisted of the following items: a. Approval of minutes-January 8, 2020. b. Approval of bills as listed. Councilor Christensen stated in the minutes there should be a correction of his last name in a motion. Councilor Swope motioned to amend the motion to approve Resolution No. 703 by including Councilor Christensen's last name. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Christensen.

Councilor Walborn motioned to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Christensen.

COUNCIL ACTIONS-APPROVE OR DENY:

RFP Review: Attorney Cleaveland handed out an RFP for the Council to review regarding the rock quarry; however Attorney Cleaveland stated he would need more information from engineer Brad Baird regarding the legal description, and the amount of rock there. The Council will review the RFP and will send in any changes or additions to City Hall and City Recorder Pam Rosenbalm will send those to Attorney Cleaveland.

NUISANCE ORDINANCE REVIEW: The Council reviewed a letter Attorney Cleaveland had written regarding unpermitted activities in a commercial zone addressed to Mr. Torgeson. Councilor Ball stated she believes this should also state light industrial. Attorney Cleaveland will include light industrial zone. Councilor Walborn motioned to change the verbiage with the Council approval and send letter out immediately upon signing. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Ball. The Council agreed a letter should be sent to 460 Shane Drive also, as their lot is a nuisance and not incompliance. Attorney Cleaveland will write this second letter and the Council requested Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm go take a picture of the lot.

COUNCILORS REPORT:

- Councilor Margheim reminded the Council of the County Grants deadline.
- Councilor Jones had no report to give.
- Councilor Swope had no report to give.
- Councilor Christensen reported the fire department has received their new interface truck; which will hold 1500 gallons of water.
- Councilor Ball had no report to give.
- Councilor Walborn reported Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm has received 2 bids on painting the inside of the park restrooms, these range from \$5000-\$6500, and he is waiting on a third bid. Councilor Walborn then stated she will work with Bill Rosenbalm on the lighting at the park.
- Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm was absent.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Jeffrey Bufton, Mayor

Pam Rosenbalm, Recorder

