

Regular Council Meeting

January 8, 2020

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on January 8, 2020 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Present were Councilors: Leslie Walborn, Denise Ball, Robert Christensen, Marshall Swope, Mayor Jeffery Bufton, Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm, Attorney Ruben Cleaveland and Recorder Pam Rosenbalm. Absent Councilors: Susan Jones and Kelly Margheim. Guests include: James Wright, Brad Baird, Leslee & Olivia Hammer, Tory Flory, Rita Miciak, Elizabeth Farrar and John Neys. Mayor Bufton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

PUBLIC COMMENT: James Wright was present and stated at the last Council Meeting there was a discussion regarding **public urination**. James stated he doesn't think that anyone in Arlington feels this is acceptable. Deputy Flory was present and updated the Council on **citations and incident reports** for the past month. Judge Elizabeth Farrar was present and reported the **Arlington Library Board** has approached the County regarding the grant process. The Library has asked the Court to discuss with the City Council, possibly signing an IGA. Councilor Ball questioned what would the County expect if the Library was given the grant funds. Elizabeth stated this would mean the Library would not have to go through the competitive grant process, but at this time she isn't sure if more information than they already expect from the Library would be needed. The Council agreed to have an IGA sent over and Attorney Cleaveland will review it. Mayor Bufton asked if Elizabeth would inform the Council of conversations she has had with residents regarding the downtown area. Elizabeth stated she had been told by several residents in Arlington that they didn't feel the downtown area showed the pride they have in Arlington. Mayor Bufton asked if there were resources the city could get to help upgrade the downtown area, because this has come up before and the business owners cannot afford to redo their buildings. Elizabeth stated she would check on resources maybe even matching funds to help with the upgrades. There are some opportunities with different schools, such as UofO that may help with the upgrades. However, the Council would need to be willing to move forward.

COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE: Leslee Hammer was present and stated; the Christmas light contest went well, the Chamber is moving forward with the web-site design. Also, the Chamber is still looking to hire an Administrator.

BRAD BAIRD-ANDERSON PERRY & ASSOCIATES: Brad Baird was present and reminded the Council the Water System Master Plan meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Brad stated there is approximately \$350,000 remaining in the budget for construction on the Sidewalk Project. Brad had outlined additional work, which would leave \$175,000. It was consensus of the Council to move forward with the proposed sidewalk installations. Mayor Bufton signed the new pay request Brad handed in.

JAMES WRIGHT-ROCK QUARRY: Jim Wright was present and reported a few months back he and Rick Watkins had discussed leasing out the city rock quarry. Jim stated it may be wise to have someone else besides the city, manage the quarry and sell the rock. This process would be very similar to what the Port of Arlington already does. Jim suggested the city advertise for an RFP. Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm stated the crushed rock the city now has; he has verbal agreements for the sale of probably 98% of that. Councilor Ball asked Public

Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm what he felt about possibly leasing out the rock quarry. Bill stated he wouldn't have a problem with that, as it does put a lot of wear and tear on the city truck. It was consensus of the Council to move forward. Attorney Cleaveland stated he could start putting together an outline of what is needed.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consisted of the following items: a. Approval of minutes-December 4, 2019. b. Approval of bills as listed. Councilor Walborn motioned to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Ball.

ARLINGTON T.V. CO-OP: John Neys from the Arlington T.V. Co-op was present to update the Council on their services. The T.V. price will be increasing; the Co-op is still working on installing phone service. The question was asked if the T.V. Co-op doesn't get any funding from the County how will they survive. John stated he isn't sure how long they could last, they are just hoping for some financial help along the way. Councilor Ball questioned on whether the Co-op Board had thought about giving an incentive to the residents who are not hooked up for their services. John stated he will bring this up to the Co-op Board at the next meeting.

HOUSE KEEPING MEASURES: Councilor Ball motioned to keep the monthly meeting date, time and place the same as previous year. (The first Wednesday after the first Monday of the month.) Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Christensen.

Councilor Walborn motioned to keep the attorney, engineer, depositories and newspaper of record the same as last year. (Attorney Cleaveland, Anderson Perry & Associates, BEO and LGIP.) Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Ball.

Councilor Ball motioned to keep Recorder Pam Rosenbalm as the Budget Officer for 2020. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Walborn.

Councilor Ball motioned to keep same authorized signatures on bank account for 2020. (Mayor Bufton, Councilor's Walborn and Ball and Recorder Pam Rosenbalm.) Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Walborn.

Mayor Bufton stated he is happy with the Councilors in their current Departments. Councilor Walborn motioned to keep Department Commissioners in their same areas for 2020. (Margheim-sanitation, Jones-streets, Swope-airport, Christensen-fire & police, Ball-water & sewer, Walborn-parks & recreation.) Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Swope.

COUNCIL ACTIONS-APPROVE OR DENY:

Exhibit "A" Addition to Employee Handbook: Attorney Cleaveland stated the Auditors had suggested clarification on employee's retirement benefits (Exhibit "A"), which is just an explanation, and doesn't add anything. Councilor Walborn motioned to approve Resolution No. 704 as an addendum to employee handbook. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Ball.

Resolution No. 703: No-Harassment Policy: Attorney Cleaveland stated there was a Senate Bill that was passed in the Legislature, starting January 2020 these provisions need to be in public entities handbooks, regarding anti-harassment. Councilor Bobby motioned to approve Resolution No. 703 the Anti-Harassment Policy. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Swope.

COUNCILORS REPORT:

- Councilor Margheim was absent.
- Councilor Jones was absent.
- Councilor Swope had no report to give.
- Councilor Christensen reported the new interface fire truck will be available next month.
- Councilor Ball had no report to give.
- Councilor Walborn reported the weather has been warm; therefore there has been play at the golf course. Councilor Walborn stated the city does have a Nuisance Ordinance, so what can the city do about Mr. Torgeson's storage/junkyard on Cottonwood, including car crushing. Councilor Ball stated car crushing is not an approved use for that property. Councilor Christensen questioned what is going on with the property on Shane Drive with all the equipment. There was a discussion that Mr. Seely and another property on Shane Drive, fall under the Nuisance Ordinance also. It was consensus of the Council to discuss the Nuisance Ordinance at the February Meeting.
- Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm reported; there are a couple painting companies who are interested in working on the inside of the park restrooms, Gordon's Electric will be here tomorrow to hook-up the golf course cameras, and the light bulbs will be changed in the beacon at the airport once there is no wind.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Jeffrey Bufton, Mayor

Pam Rosenbalm, Recorder