

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2022

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on July 6, 2022 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Presiding: Mayor Jeff Bufton

Council Present: Robert Christensen, Marshall Swope, Matthew Irby and Henry Thuener.

Council Absent: Denise Ball and Jerry Hanan.

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

Guests: Lt. Tory Flory, Deputy Tom Burdick and Katie Re.

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

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lt. Tory Flory, Gilliam County Sheriff's Office: Lt. Flory presented the recent violation stats for Arlington and Gilliam County; they were tracked on the new citation system. In March, the City was split in the four zones, each zone is assigned to a deputy who will enforce ordinances within their zone. Since then, there's been a lot of positive action enforcing the weed and vehicle ordinances. There's been some push back regarding the weeds on City property. Mayor Bufton asked if letters have been issued to each of the violating property owners. Lt. Flory stated they're making face to face contact and that is working. We will issue letters if progress isn't being made on the property. Mayor Bufton stated let's stay on this issue and get it done. Lt. Flory introduced the new deputy in training, Tom Burdick; he's started field training and will be going to the academy in October.

2. CONSENT AGENDA Consent agenda consisted of the following items:

- a. Approval of minutes- June 15, 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.

- #### **3. ARLINGTON CHAMBER ACTION COMMITTEE UPDATE:**
- Katie Re with the Oregon Frontier Chamber of Commerce reported the Artisans Market will be held this Saturday in the mall parking lot. The Car Show & Shine is July 30th; volunteers are needed. Katie stated the City of Arlington usually sponsors the car show and asked if the City still plans to participate. **The consensus of the Council is to sponsor the Community Choice Trophy for the Car Show & Shine.** There's been a large number of food vendors interested in the car show this year. Katie asked the Council if the gravel portion of the roadway by the caboose could be blocked off for the use of a food court; there'll be access to the sewer plant and railroad tracks. **The consensus of the Council is to allow the gravel portion of the roadway to be blocked off for the Car Show food court.**

4. **BRAD BAIRD, ANDERSON PERRY & ASSOCIATES:** Brad was unable to attend.

5. **APPROVE OR DENY:**

- a. Resolution No. 728: A Resolution Identifying the Lack of Temporary Housing Facilities in the City and Declaring an Emergency. **Councilor Irby motioned to approve resolution 728, second by Councilor Swope. Motion passed unanimously**
- b. Resolution No. 729: To adopt City of Arlington Money Purchase Plan and Pension as Amended and Restated and the Summary of the Plan. **Councilor Christensen motioned to approve Resolution 729, second by Councilor Irby. Motion passed unanimously.**
- c. **Donation to Gilliam County Fair Board, \$750.00. Councilor Irby motioned to approve the donation for the Gilliam County Fair in the amount of \$750.00, second by Councilor Christensen. Motion passed unanimously.**


6. **COUNCILORS REPORTS**

- Councilor Thuener no report.
- Councilor Irby asked Superintendent Gronquist how often the beach is rototilled and if there is anything the City needed to do to prepare the park for the car show. Superintendent Gronquist reported it is rototilled once a year and the automatic sprinklers will be turned off the day before and day of the event.
- Councilor Swope reported the beacon bulb needs to be replaced at the Airport. Superintendent Gronquist stated the light is obsolete; she is looking into alternative options.
- Councilor Christensen no report.
- Councilor Ball no report.
- Public Works Superintendent Gronquist reported the trainee position for the waste water plant has been posted.
- Attorney Cleaveland reported the City is signed up for a garbage truck cooperative procurement.
- Recorder Kari Hayter no report.
- Mayor Bufton reported Brad Baird and Tim Wetherell will be setting up a comprehensive training for the Public Works Department; the training will include the wells, water system and the waste water facility.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.



Jeffery Bufton, Mayor



Taylor Grubaugh, City Recorder