

Regular Council Meeting

October 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on October 9, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Present were Councilors: Leslie Walborn, Denise Ball, Robert Christensen, Susan Jones, Kelly Margheim, Mayor Jeffery Bufton, Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm, Attorney Ruben Cleaveland and Recorder Pam Rosenbalm. Absent: Councilor Swope. Guests include: James Wright, Rick Watkins, Brad Baird, Deputy Tory Flory, Leah Shannon, Rita Miciak, Harry Lee and Julius Courtney. Mayor Bufton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

PUBLIC COMMENT: Julius Courtney was present and stated **The Woolery** had gone to the County Planning Commission and they approved the application for the zone change, and it will be on the County Court Agenda in 30 days. Julius then stated they are getting ready for Oktoberfest this month, and thanked the Council for their help. **Deputy Tory Flory** stated he and Sheriff Bettencourt have noticed there is not a speed zone sign on the off ramp coming in west bound. They are also checking into the possibility if a city can lower the speed limit to 20 mph in town. It was discussed that ODOT needs to approve a speed sign. James Wright reported **PPL** has fixed most of the street lights that were out for quite some time.

COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE: There was no Chamber of Commerce report

LEAH SHANNON WASTE MANAGEMENT: Leah stated she would like to be on the Agenda next month to give a full report. Leah did report there is a lot going on at Waste Management, including several employment opportunities.

BRAD BAIRD-ANDERSON PERRY & ASSOCIATES: Brad Baird was present and stated he wanted to remind the Council of the Water Master Plan work session Monday 21, 2019. The Pedestrian Sidewalk Project has started and is going strong. The Contractor will probably need to shut down the asphalt plants during the winter months. Brad stated some extra work may be warranted to provide smoother transitions from ADA compliant driveway approaches. Brad also stated ADA parking location and access to City Hall is necessary, and he gave a suggestion. Brad will work on the cost for that and will bring back to the Council. Councilor Jones stated she has had some complaints that the sidewalk project was starting this week and not all residents were aware. She asked who should have notified the residents on the streets where the work was taking place. Brad stated the Contractor is trying to notify the residents who will be affected as they go along.

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

COUNCIL ACTIONS-APPROVE OR DENY:

Planning Commission Vacancy Letter of Interest: Councilor Walborn motioned to accept Darrell Potter's letter of interest for the Arlington Planning Commission. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Ball.

Noise Ordinance No. 431: Attorney Cleaveland stated after discussion at the last Council Meeting, it may be a good idea to scrap this Noise Ordinance, and if needed start over. Mayor Bufton stated he felt the City Ordinance's that are already in place address the issues the Council has been discussing. Councilor's Walborn and Jones will review the existing Noise Ordinance and bring any suggestions to the Council.

Lions Club Sign Request: The Lions Club had sent in a request for permission to put 3 round metal Lions signs below the entering Arlington signs. It was consensus of the Council to allow this.

Equipment Purchase: Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm reported he has tore down the tractor and fixed it for approximately \$2000 which was much cheaper than purchasing a new tractor. Bill stated there have been complaints on the airport not being mowed; the city usually borrows equipment from ODOT, that doesn't seem to be an option any longer. Bill stated he has looked into a rebuilt tractor and mower to use at the airport and the cost would be \$25,750. The city would be able to mow and take care of the airport including the sludge removal. Councilor Walborn motioned to approve the equipment purchase. Councilor Margheim second that motion. Attorney Cleaveland stated he would like to check if the city would need to get 3 quotes with used equipment. Councilor Walborn stated she would like to add to her motion. Councilor Walborn motioned to approve the equipment purchase after Attorney review. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Margheim.

JIM WRIGHT LAND LEASE: James Wright stated he would like to go into Executive Session regarding the land lease. Attorney Cleaveland stated the Council also needs to go into Executive Session regarding Harry Lee and Genesis Wind, both of these topics fall under the ORS published on the Agenda. James Wright would be first, then Genesis Wind.

COUNCILORS REPORT:

- Councilor Margheim stated she has gotten several compliments on the sanitation pick-up lately.
- Councilor Jones had no report to give.
- Councilor Swope was absent.
- Councilor Christensen reported there are 16 fire volunteers in North County and 20 in the South end. Fire Chief Joe Claughton asked if the city could do something for a fire break at the shooting range. Mayor Bufton suggested asking the county to help grade for a fire break.
- Councilor Ball reported the sewer plant is having some issues with their equipment. Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm stated there are more flows going through the plant, which puts a strain on all of the equipment. Brian Foster will put together a report regarding the sewer plant, and the issues and costs.
- Councilor Walborn reported the city has received the grant for the park project; however the city is still waiting to hear from the Corp of Engineers regarding the park upgrades.
- Public Works Superintendent Bill Rosenbalm reported; the cameras are being installed at the golf course, he has been working on marking the water-sewer lines for the sidewalk project, the Woolery will be getting some rock for their road next week, Bill has been working in front of the Contractor and cutting down the trees in the way of the sidewalk project. Lastly, Weed Master Don Farrar is working on getting grants for spraying star thistle in the city limits.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m. Executive session was called per ORS 192.660 (2) (e) at 7:28 p.m. Executive sessions closed at 9:02 p.m. Regular session was opened at 9:02 p.m. Councilor Ball motioned to approve

Ground Lease for Alternative Energy after Attorney amendments. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Margheim. Regular meeting adjourned at 9:04.

Jeffrey Bufton, Mayor

Pam Rosenbalm, Recorder