

CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 18, 2016

Present: Mayor Sniff, Council Members: Greg Banks, Norma Craddock, Jack Norman, Lee Norman, George Spearing, IV; Water Superintendent, George Spearing, III; City Attorney, Danny Love; City Clerk, Debbie Love

Observers: J. Eberenz, M. Fleming, K. Hardman, D. Morcom

Media: Jessica Colquitt

7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order by Mayor Joyce Sniff.

The first order of business for this meeting was the swearing in of George Spearing, IV as a council member by City Attorney, Danny Love. Spearing missed the January meeting due to a family medical emergency.

The minutes for the regular monthly meeting held on January 21, 2016 were read and approved as submitted on a motion from Jack Norman with a second from George Spearing, IV. Vote 5 – 0.

The financial report presented for the month of January for the city's General Fund account was approved on a motion from Norma Craddock with a second from Greg Banks. Vote 5 – 0

The financial report presented for the month of January for the city's Water Fund account was approved on a motion from Greg Banks with a second from Jack Norman. Vote 5 – 0

Water

Water Superintendent, George Spearing, III reported that all of the wells are running fine at this time. He also reported that the new hydrant has been installed to replace the one that was damaged due to being destroyed by a car accident. Once all bills have been received for this work, City Attorney Love will submit a claim for damages from the insurance company of the person responsible for the car accident/damages.

Additional water items mentioned by Mr. Spearing included a recent problem with contractors removing the lids from water meters on several new houses being built in Stonebrooke Subdivision. City Clerk Love had notified the contractor via email to let them know that if this continues to happen, the contractor will be held financially responsible for damaged meters etc. In the future, the city clerk will make sure that anyone, especially contractors building on the city's water system, will be notified regarding any possible damages sustained during the construction process.

Mr. John Eberenz was present to express his "thank you" to the council regarding his request during the January meeting for a possible reduction to his water bill for lightning damage sustained to his waterline back in December. A reduction in the original amount due (\$770 reduced to \$503), was given because of the nature of the damage. The council may look at writing a new ordinance addressing any future similar instances.

Fire Department

Mr. Melvin Fleming reported that the fire department had recently completed a drill/simulation. He also stated that there are no problems at this time with the fire department.

Other Business

City Clerk, Debbie Love reported that due to the problem that had arisen last month with the library donations for the year, the 4th quarter from 2015 had not been submitted. She proposed sending a check in the amount of \$1,000 to cover the 4th quarter for 2015 plus the 2nd quarter from 2015 to complete this transaction for last year. On a motion from Jack Norman with a second from Lee Norman, the council voted to stop payment on the past check submitted, subtract whatever fee is charged by the bank for this service, and submit the remaining amount. Vote 5-0

Additional library business regarding a representative from Arnoldsville being placed on the Library Board was discussed. Katie Baldwin who currently lives in Arnoldsville and is already on the library board will be the representative for the city.

Council member Jack Norman asked if any progress has been made on a solution regarding the tree that is on the edge of the city's property and in danger of falling. City Attorney Love reported that he had mailed a second letter to the property owners.

Council member Banks reported that as soon as Lowe's had restocked their supply of dehumidifiers, he would get that task completed. Mr. Eberenz offered a dehumidifier that he has that he said should work for this purpose. The council thanked him and will look into the possibility of using Mr. Eberenz's contributed dehumidifier instead of purchasing a new one. Mike Eidson has completed the installation of the two awnings over the front windows of the building and will make repairs to the floor soon.

Next on the Agenda was the mention of a new program through the DOT, "OSS" (Off System Safety Program), covering numerous safety projects. Mayor Sniff reported that the funds would be requested in the same way as LMIG funds with the city contributing 30% of whatever amount is received. After a brief discussion, Mayor Sniff asked that the council be thinking of possible safety projects for these funds.

Zoning Update

The zoning committee made up of Mayor Sniff, Council Members Greg Banks and Jack Norman and City Attorney, Danny Love has met twice. The committee has been reviewing a module system that is roughly 350-400 pages and will be downsized after the committee finalizes their process. Greg Banks stated that he felt this module would be adequate for the city's needs. Attorney Love stated that the "ease of enforcement" was a big factor in this particular example. They announced that they would need at least one two more meetings to have the module ready to present. Hopefully they will have this by the April meeting.

Mayor Sniff referred to a letter received by the Oglethorpe County Chamber of Commerce indicating that the city should "renew" their membership, pay dues, etc. She will be checking to determine if the city needs to join etc.

City Attorney Love reported that the new insurance policy has been acquired with a premium amount of \$7,862.00.

The last order of business was a brief discussion regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan being pursued by Oglethorpe County. Arnoldsville has not made a final decision as to whether they will participate.

8:00 PM The meeting was adjourned on a motion from Jack Norman with a second from George Spearing, IV. Vote 5 - 0

 3-17-16
Mayor Joyce Sniff Date

Minutes prepared and submitted by Debbie Love, City Clerk, March 17, 2016.