

June 3, 2015

BUDGET HEARING

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

The Arlington City Council conducted a public hearing to discuss the budget for the fiscal year 2015-2016 as approved by the Arlington Budget Committee. The Council was present to receive comments on proposed uses of State Shared Revenues. Final adoption, appropriating and levying taxes will be completed. Mayor Bufton opened the Hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Open to Public Comment: There was no public comment. Mayor Bufton closed the Hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting

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The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on June 3, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Present were Councilors: Diane Wetherell, Leslie Walborn, Denise Ball, Susan Jones, Doug Hammer, Robert Christensen, Mayor Jeff Bufton, Public Works Superintendent Tim Wetherell, Attorney Will Carey and Recorder Pam Rosenbalm. Guests include: Rod McGuire, Cris Patnode, Morris Mustafic, Marta Mikalo, Julius Courtney, Mary & Mark Mitchell, Alan Cunningham, Kevin Hunking and Peter Mitchell. Mayor Bufton called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

JUSTICE COURT RENTAL: Mayor Bufton stated clarification needed to be made on the length of the rental agreement with the Justice Court. Councilor Hammer motioned to extend the lease agreement for 5 years at \$700.00 a month. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Christensen.

COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE: Marta Mikalo was present and informed the Council the upcoming weekend will be their fishing derby with free fishing all weekend. There will also be music and food in the park; the Chamber will also be receiving their anticipated check from Waste Management; Mark and Mary Mitchell have hung the hanging flower baskets at local businesses; tomorrow (Thursday June 4, 2015) there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Port of Arlington at 2:00 p.m. Marta also reported Brewers Grade is

putting on a children's music camp June 12, 2015 in the library, then June 13, 2015 Brewers Grade will be performing in Earl Snell Park at 5:30 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consisted of the following items: a. Approval of minutes-May 6, 2015. b. Approval of bills as listed. Councilor Walborn motioned to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Wetherell.

MORRIS MUSTAFIC-SENIOR PROJECT UPDATE: Morris was present and handed out pictures of the lighted "A". It will be a senior tradition for the senior class to take care of the "A". Morris stated he did get his science credit for this project, and requested the \$200.00 the city had stated they would contribute. The Consensus of the Council was to pay the contributed amount with his update.

INTERMOUNTAIN ENERGY: Peter Mitchell was present representing InterMountain Energy, (IME). Peter stated IME will have a hard time making their deadline on the previous request. However, they feel they could complete a 2 megawatt system, thus needing 20 acres. The lease rate would be somewhere between \$500 - \$800 an acre, with a 3% escalation; a 20 year initial term with an extension of 10 years. Intermountain would need a letter from the city to show the power company, then they can start their due diligence process. After some discussion Councilor Walborn motioned the city write a letter of intent to Intermountain Energy, giving them a 1 year period to explore the possibility of a larger program, for consideration of \$1500.00. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Ball.

CITY WEB-SITE: Mayor Bufton stated he had explored several web-site designers and has been in contact with Elizabeth Farrar. They have investigated the original domain and that is available. The set-up cost will be \$2,100.00 including setting up the domain. The web-site should be up and running sometime in July. The consensus of the Council was for Mayor Bufton to continue with the web-site.

FINALIZE BUDGET:

Resolution No. 662 Adopting budget, making appropriations, levying and categorizing taxes: Councilor Walborn motion to approve Resolution No. 662 to adopt the budget, make appropriations, levy and categorize taxes. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Ball.

Resolution No. 663 declaring the city's election to receive state revenues: Councilor Ball motioned to adopt Resolution No. 663 declaring the city's election to receive state revenues. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Jones.

COMMERCIAL/LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONE UPDATE: The Council was in agreement to continue with the partial rezoning of Cottonwood Street. It was noted however, the Council would like to clarify the old motel is included in the rezoning area.

COUNCIL ACTIONS-APPROVE OR DENY:

Volunteer Resolution No. 664: Councilor Ball motioned to approve Resolution No. 664. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Walborn.

Business license review: Attorney Carey stated the business license regulations are in the form of an Ordinance. Therefore, if the Council would like to change the business license there would need to be a public hearing. Attorney Carey stated the Council may want to include “in order to obtain a license, the business must meet applicable city, state and federal laws.” Attorney Carey also suggested additional changes; the City of Arlington may sue to obtain judgment and force payment, repealed the current Ordinance and declare an emergency, effective immediately. Consensus of the Council was to have staff give notice and move forward with the Hearing

PLANNING COMMISSION PERSON OF INTEREST: It was consensus of the Council to approve Alan Cunningham for the vacant seat on the Planning Commission.

NOAA PROPOSALS: There was a discussion on the small size of property that NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) is requesting. It was also reported Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) is interested in placing 3 of their units at the airport property if NOAA places their 1 unit there. Public Works Superintendent Tim Wetherell stated NOAA is willing to put in a transformer, and when they are finished and leave, the transformer will stay. It was also discussed that NOAA is unable to pay a fee, however LLNL is a private company and they may be able to pay a lease fee. Councilor Christensen motioned to allow NOAA put their equipment at the airport. Councilor Walborn seconded that motion. There was some discussion on requesting LLNL pay a fee for their units. Roll call: Christensen- yes, Hammer-no, Jones-no, Ball-no, Walborn-no, Wetherell-no. Motion failed. Councilor Ball motioned to contract with NOAA per their proposed installation, and also instruct Economic Development Officer Peter Mitchell to contact Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and firm up an agreement to come to the same site. Councilor Jones seconded that motion. Roll call: Christensen-no, Hammer-yes, Jones-yes, Ball-yes, Walborn-yes, Wetherell-yes. Motion carried.

FRIENDS OF GILLIAM COUNTY: Mark Mitchell was present and stated the Friends of Gilliam County have a united goal to affect positive change within the county. Mark requested the city donate a piece of property for the “Woolery Building” along with gravel and equipment use. This property is described as NE ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 28. The piece of property they are looking at is owned by the city, but is zoned county. Mark stated the group is aware the property would need to be rezoned to commercial. Julius Courtney was present and stated it will cost \$1300.00 for a permit to dig test holes, and \$2600.00 for a septic system permit. Mayor Bufton stated he believes the Council is in agreement with in-kind donations. Councilor Ball motioned the City Council provide a letter to the Friends of Gilliam County giving them authority to apply to the

County Planning Department for a zone change for the property as outlined in Mr. Mitchell's description. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Christensen. It was noted this letter should be sent to the Gilliam County Planning Department.

COUNCILORS REPORT:

- Councilor Christensen reported; he had received a letter from Sheriff Bettencourt stating they have received money for 911 services; the Fire Department was in agreement with the zone change on cottonwood. Councilor Christensen also stated there are several lots in town with tall weeds that are a fire hazard. Public Works Superintendent Tim Wetherell stated the weed abatement letters will be going out soon. The Council instructed Tim to investigate any licensed and bonded companies or individuals who would be willing to complete the yard work if the land owners do not. Consensus of the Council is to send the Sheriff's Department to start the abatement process on the two burned houses in town. Those land owners had already received a letter regarding the nuisances of their properties.
- Councilor Hammer had no report to give.
- Councilor Jones reported the state is requiring a Washington Ground Squirrel Survey at the airport property. The cost will be \$9000. However, The Port of Arlington has agreed to pay half of that cost. This is the last step in the Airport Site Certification.
- Councilor Ball commended the Public works Department for picking up large quantities of garbage from the Port as they prepare for their ribbon cutting event.
- Councilor Walborn reported the city has not been charging the Fire District for utilities at their building. After some discussion Councilor Walborn motioned the city begin charging utility services to NGRFPD effective July 1 2015. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Hammer.
- Councilor Wetherell reported the new employees have begun working at the golf course.
- Public Works Superintendent Tim Wetherell informed the Council, Sherman County Booster Club will be having a golf tournament on Sunday, and then Senior Blues will hold a tournament on Monday. Tim reported he has ordered the dog signs which will direct individuals to the east end of the lagoon. Tim would like the city to write a letter to the Nazarene Church instructing them to keep the street cleaned of rocks and debris while they are doing construction. The letter should also state they will have to replace the sidewalk when they are

finished. There was some discussion on the amount of dirt that has been removed from the church's job site. It was consensus of the Council to notify Building Codes Department concerning the amount of excavation and send a letter to the church as Tim had requested.

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Jeffery Bufton, Mayor

Pam Rosenbalm, Recorder