

Regular Council Meeting

September 9, 2015

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on September 9, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Present were Councilors: Diane Wetherell, Denise Ball, Susan Jones, Doug Hammer, Robert Christensen, Mayor Jeff Bufton, Attorney Rueben Cleveland, Public Works Superintendent Tim Wetherell and Recorder Pam Rosenbalm. Absent: Councilor Leslie Walborn. Guests include: Leslee Hammer, Kevin Hunking, Alcenia Wright, Nancy Proctor and Peter Mitchell. Mayor Bufton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

PUBLIC COMMENT: School Superintendent Kevin Hunking was present and informed the Council; school has started and all teaching positions at the schools have been filled, also volleyball and football both begin this week. Tim Wetherell asked if school staff could come and update the reader board. Peter Mitchell stated on Saturday, September 19, 2015 there will be a paint recycling program at the Port.

COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE: Leslee Hammer was present and reported the next four years the Chamber will continue to receive \$12,500 from Waste Management. Two ideas the Chamber has been discussing to use those funds on; a water slide at the lagoon, and updated signage in the downtown area. There was discussion on who would maintain the slide, also insurance cost, and lastly will the Corps of Engineers approve a slide on their property. Leslee also stated the Halloween trunk or treat will be at the BEO parking lot.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consisted of the following items: **a.** Approval of minutes-August 5, 2015. **b.** Approval of bills as listed. Councilor Ball motioned to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Wetherell.

COUNCIL ACTIONS-APPROVE OR DENY:

Columbia Hills Manor Request: Alcenia Wright and Nancy Proctor were present to discuss an easement with the city, and to request a lot line adjustment from the city. This is in regards to property they are purchasing adjacent to the golf course for a Community Center. Councilor Ball motioned Mayor Bufton be authorized to sign the property line adjustment from Gilliam County, per the drawing, which shows the piece of property is not needed for public use. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Jones.

FRIENDS OF GILLIAM COUNTY: Friends of Gilliam County had written a letter requesting use of the vacant lot by the post office. They would like to rope off this area and reserve for senior

parking during Oktoberfest. It was consensus of the Council the bank parking lot is paved, and has easier access to use for senior parking during that event.

SANITATION RATES FOR PORT OF ARLINGTON: Denise Ball, Port of Arlington Executive Secretary stated she now understands the billing process. Denise stated the Port doesn't want to have sanitation picked up twice a week, if they will be billed for twice weekly pick-ups.

COUNCILORS REPORT:

- Councilor Christensen had no report to give, but stated the Public Works Department has been doing a good job around town. Councilor Christensen also suggested a center line on Main Street to help with parking.
- Councilor Hammer reported the county has completed their portion of crack sealing in the downtown area.
- Councilor Jones reported; the Port and Public Works Department are discussing constructing a parking area for planes at the airport. Also, County Court has discussed budgeting funds to possibly pave airport road in the 2016-2017 fiscal budget.
- Councilor Ball reported she attends the Mid-Columbia Council of Government Meetings and stated their Executive Director is leaving so they are looking for his replacement. Also, County Court gave Arlington T.V. Co-op \$776,000 for their fiber optic project.
- Councilor Walborn was absent.
- Councilor Wetherell stated the golf course is running well.
- Public Works Superintendent Tim Wetherell reported; on September 15, 2015 a representative from Corps of Engineers will be here to inspect the park, there have been issues at the recycling center, with people dumping household garbage in the bins. It was consensus of the Council to post a sign stating the city will discontinue the recycling center, if garbage continues to be dumped. Attorney Cleveland suggested also posting ORS-164.805 regarding littering and the fact offenders will be prosecuted. Also, on September 30th the golf course will be closed for top dressing, and it will be the last week for the temporary golf course employee.

In other business, Mayor Bufton stated he and Tim had met with Fire Coordinator Shannon Coppock regarding the fire dangers in and around town. It was discussed the city should have a stricter Ordinance on weed abatement. The Fire Dept may hold a fire defense day, teaching residents ways protect their homes. Shannon stated since there is a volunteer fire fighter on city staff, the city may possibly burn weeds on the properties that have owner's approval. Mayor Bufton questioned if the Councilors would like their pictures on the web-site.

Majority felt they did not want individual pictures. Lastly, the Mesa Industrial Park is now a certified industrial park.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Jeffery Bufton, Mayor

Pam Rosenbalm, Recorder