

Regular Council Meeting

April 6, 2016

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on April 6, 2016 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Present were Councilors: Diane Wetherell, Leslie Walborn, Denise Ball, Doug Hammer, Robert Christensen, Mayor Jeffery Bufton, Public Works Superintendent Tim Wetherell, Attorney Ruben Cleaveland and Recorder Pam Rosenbalm. Guests include: Tony Price, Marta Mikkalo, Alcenia & Jim Wright, Nancy Proctor, Cris Patnode, Wayde Johnson, Marla Davies, Peter Mitchell and David Anderson. Mayor Bufton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

PUBLIC COMMENT: Marta Mikkalo was present and requested city approval for the Rodeo Parade on April 30, 2016. The Council was in agreement of that use. Leslie Walborn stated she was reporting for School Superintendent Kevin Hunking, to thank the city for the gravel donated to the school. Dave Anderson from North Gilliam County Health Department reported they have appointed two new directors, Paula Alley and Mark Mitchell. The Health District is picking up the cost for call buttons for residents in town who are in need of them. Dave also handed out an EMS Alert Medical Worksheet, and stated they are sending three EMT's to a risk water management program.

COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE: Marta Mikkalo was present and reported; Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers will perform at the Spring Wallapalooza and fishing derby on June 4, 2016. Friends of Gilliam County who are now The Woolery will be doing the cooking. Marta also handed out paperwork on the waterslide, which showed operation costs and possible hours of operation. Marta has been in contact with a couple entities who stated they may be able to help with grants to help cover the lifeguard wages. Mayor Bufton stated a slide would be a great addition, however, the city insurance has recommended the Council not move forward on new risk projects at this time. Mayor Bufton also stated the Council is waiting on a report from the Engineer. Marta stated unofficially she was told the dock could hold 60,000 pounds. It was stated there are more question, such as the type of concrete used for the dock and changes in the water level at the end of the slide. Mayor Bufton stated the city can contact their insurance to see if a rider policy is an option. Attorney Cleaveland stated the slide would obviously need to be as safe as possible. However, there is a problem when the city's insurance will not back the city moving forward on risk activities.

GILLIAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE: Attorney Cleaveland gave an update on issues the Gilliam County Sheriff's Office is working on. Owners of the old motel are progressing with cleaning up. However, they did not make their deadline, which was the end of March. The

brush is being cleared, and the owners have stated their plan is to put a fence up around the area before fire season. Update on the Nelson houses (pink and purple); they have come to an agreement to clean up the area. Attorney Cleaveland stated there is court date of April 18, 2016 regarding the dog citation.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consisted of the following items: **a.** Approval of minutes-March 9, 2016. **b.** Approval of bills as listed. Councilor Walborn motioned to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Wetherell.

MARLA DAVIES GRANT UPDATE: Marla stated she can help the city in applying for grants, such as planning grants. It was decided that further discussion regarding the grant for the waterslide would need to be pushed back to 2017. The Council was in agreement for Marla to continue working on planning grants.

COLUMBIA HILLS MANOR UPDATE: Jim Wright was present and stated he does appreciate the Council and their work. Jim was present representing Columbia Hills Manor Inc. They are requesting permission to remove an existing fence on the golf course property which is adjacent to their property. CHM will build a fence enclosing their property when construction is complete. Jim also stated CHM would like to pave a pathway between the golf course and CHM property. If dogs going into the golf course become a problem because of the fence removal, he will put up a temporary fence. It was consensus of the Council; CHM may take down the fence and move forward.

COUNCIL ACTIONS-APPROVE OR DENY:

Resolution No. 655-Transfer: Councilor Walborn motioned to accept Resolution No. 665. Councilor Ball seconded that motioned. Councilor Christensen questioned the lines items on the Resolution. It was explained Planning Services refers to the City Planner, and Contributions, is for money donated to entities requesting funding. Motion passed unanimously.

Sewer Rates: Councilor Ball motioned to raise the city sewer rates \$2.00 a month. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Walborn.

Construction Water Sales: Public Works Superintendent Tim Wetherell explained construction water, is water the city sells to construction companies who come to town to purchase water for various projects. Councilor Ball motioned to increase construction water sales to \$5.00 per thousand gallons. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Christensen.

Dog License Fees: Councilor Wetherell motioned to raise dog license fees to \$10.00 for dogs who are spayed or neutered and \$15.00 for those who are not. Councilor Walborn seconded that motion. Roll call; Christensen-no, Hammer-yes, Ball-yes, Walborn-yes, Wetherell-yes. Motion passed.

Golf Course Fees: Councilor Wetherell motioned to raise green fees for 9 and 18 holes of golf \$2.00 each for the winter and summer months. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Christensen.

Vacant Councilor Position: The city continues to collect letters of interest, and this item will be on May's Agenda.

HARRY LEE-AIRPORT LEASE: Peter Mitchell from the Port of Arlington reported Harry Lee has completed the windmills he was working on in Korea, and would like to come back and get on track in Arlington. Harry is requesting a lease extension, and when he comes back he would like to build a community wind turbine. This turbine would also be a model to show to other entities. Public Works Superintendent Tim Wetherell questioned if the existing windmill is working or can it be taken down. Attorney Cleaveland stated Harry Lee's insurance needs to have the city listed as additional insured. The Council discussed how they would like to see the lease; three years at \$4000.00. However, if Harry is able to install something at the site, which goes into motion, then the lease could extend to four years. If there is no progress then the lease would expire after three years. Attorney Cleaveland will prepare lease for May Council Meeting.

COUNCILORS REPORT:

- Councilor Christensen reported fire and police have no problems.
- Councilor Hammer stated he knows of no problems.
- Councilor Ball reported she has resigned from the MCCOG Board. There were several meetings scheduled in the daytime, and she was unable to attend them.
- Councilor Walborn requested that the minutes show everything is in working order in the Councilors report, instead of there was no report to give.
- Councilor Wetherell reported the cattails have been removed from the pond, and Mike Wetherell has started back to work in the clubhouse.
- Public Works Superintendent Tim Wetherell reported the golf course greens have been aerated and top dressed with sand.

In other business, Mayor Bufton stated the weed abatement letters should be going out soon. Public Works Superintendent Tim Wetherell stated there is a contractor who is licensed and bonded if needed for the abatement process. Mayor Bufton will confirm with Fire Administrator Shannon Coppock on a date for a town hall meeting.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Jeffery Bufton, Mayor

Pam Rosenbalm, Recorder