

Regular Council Meeting

June 8, 2016

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on June 8, 2016 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Present were Councilors: Diane Wetherell, Leslie Walborn, Denise Ball, Doug Hammer, and Robert Christensen, Councilor-elect: Marshall Swope, Attorney Ruben Cleaveland, and Maintenance Supervisor, Tim Wetherell. Guests included: Leslee Hammer, Peter Mitchell, Nancy Frye-Swope, Kevin Hunking, Julius Courtney, Sheriff-John Terland, Peggy Lebhaver, and Mike and Kelly Margheum. Absent: Mayor Bufton, and Recorder, Pam Rosenbalm. Presiding over the meeting was Council President, Denise Ball and minutes were taken by Counselor, Leslie Walborn.

Pledge of Allegiance Recited.

Oath of office was administered to Marshall Swope, by Attorney Ruben Cleaveland. Mr. Swope will now be the Airport Commissioner.

Public Comment: School Superintendent Kevin Hunking gave an update of the end of the school year. Reported that the school district had received their permit for occupancy for the new CTE building and that the district will no longer be with Mid-Co Busing and will be doing their own.

Budget Hearing: The budget hearing was called to order at 6:37 pm. There was no public comment, so the hearing was adjourned at 6:39pm.

COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE: Leslee Hammer presented the monthly financial report. The fishing derby has 63 registered fishermen and they fed 150 people. Quite a successful event.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff John Terland report to the city about the property line above the Deli. He provided a map to update the council on the strips the city owns and the city owned streets that show on the accessor's information. He mentioned that we might want to vacate those streets. He also reported on the new weed abatement measure. The council, by consensus, wants the sheriff's office to proceed with the properties that are in the past 30 days limit for weed abatement. There will be a new Gilliam County Officer upon finishing at the academy in September. Officer Terland also reported that the Church arson is still an ongoing process and that the trailer that burnt at the trailer park is an undetermined cause at this point. The officer also reported that there have been several dog issues.

ATTORNEY'S UPDATE: The Clark property has been posted. Finding responsible party has been an issue. The two-tone house has made good progress and Ruben advised us that they are

following the process. As for the motel, they have put up a fence, but people can still enter the property and the buildings. Attorney Ruben Cleaveland gave the council some option for which to proceed with this matter, and the consensus of the council was that we continue with the abatement process and that includes contempt action.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consisted of the following items: a. Approval of the minutes for May 4, 2016. b. Approval of the bills as listed. Councilor Christensen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Council Hammer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

FINALIZE BUDGET:

- Resolution 670 - It was moved by Councilor Robert Christensen and seconded by Councilor Doug Hammer to approved Resolution 670. Approved unanimously.
- Resolution 671 – Motion to approved Resolution 671 was moved by Counselor Diane Wetherell and seconded by Leslie Walborn to approved Resolution 671. Approved unanimously.

AIRPORT GRAZING OPTIONS: The council received two bids for airport grazing, one from Monty Crum and the other from Cameron Krebs. Attorney Cleaveland informed the council that the bid from Mr. Crum was not a bid as completed. After much discussion by the council a motion was made by Councilor Wetherell and seconded by Councilor Hammer to accept the bid from Mr. Krebs for the grazing rights to the airport land until July 31st.

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Resolution 672-Volunteer Resolution – Motion was made by Councilor Hammer to accept resolution as written, seconded by Councilor Christensen and the motion carried.

R.V. Rates - Presiding officer Denise Ball explained the comparison chart provided about the RV Rates in our area and city. The port and the city have an agreement that both parties will not be in competition with other parks and for overflow. After some discussion, Councilor Walborn moved to raise the rate of our RV Park, which has 6 full hook-ups as of August 1, 2016. The rate will be the same as the Port of Gilliam County. Council Hammer seconded and the motion was approved.

Franchise Agreement: Attorney Cleaveland reported on the agreement sent to the city by Lightspeed. Peter Mitchell and Tim Wetherell reported that had met with Lightspeed Networks. The council decided to have our Attorney go ahead and have the revisions to the agreement made as per the Attorney's report. The council wants more information at the next meeting.

CITY HALL LANDSCAPING: This item was tabled until the July meeting.

HARRY LEE LEASE: Mr. Lee's lease expired at the end of April. City Recorder and Peter Mitchell both sent a new lease to Mr. Lee on May 21st. We have also not received a certificate of insurance that the council asked for previously. As of now, the city does not have a lease with Mr. Lee.

COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Councilor Swope – Tim Wetherell volunteered to show Mr. Swope around and bring him up-to-date on airport issues.

Councilor Christensen – May 9th was the last fire meeting. Next meeting June 20, 2016.

Councilor Ball – no garbage issues - She did report why the city will not be having fireworks, due to safety reasons on the east and west sides of town. The only reasonable way to provide fireworks, is to use a barge as a staging area and is not cost effective.

Councilor Walborn – no water issues

Councilor Wetherell – no golf course/park issues.

SUPERINTENDENT WETHERELL'S REPORT:

Tim reported that our 2016-17 budget would support the buying of a newer pickup for our public works department. The school has a 2015 Dodge pickup and through an intergovernmental agreement, the city could purchase that pickup for \$25,000. A motion was made by Councilor Wetherell and seconded by Councilor Walborn to approve that transaction. Motion was approved.

He also reported that the AC in the Recorder's Office and in Justice Court office is no longer working. Currently they are using portable conditioners. He will report at the next meeting how this will be solved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53, by Council President-Denise Ball.

Leslie Walborn, Recorder Pro-tem