

Regular Council Meeting

December 9, 2015

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on December 9, 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 Jeffery Bufton, Public Works Superintendent Tim Wetherell, Attorney Will Carey and Recorder Pam Rosenbalm. Guests include: Leslee Hammer, Kevin Hunking, Leah Shannon, Josh Bartlett and Peter Mitchell. Mayor Bufton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kevin Hunking representing the school district informed the Council basketball season has started. Kevin also stated the CTE Building is still in progress. Leslee Hammer questioned if a baby changing table could be installed in the park bathrooms.

WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT: Josh Bartlett from Waste Management was present and stated Columbia Ridge Landfill and Chem Waste are both doing well with no significant safety incidents. Waste Management participated in the county 4-H program this year, by donating a \$100.00 per child participating in the auction. Josh also reported; Waste Management is working with the school on their new CTE building, scholarships are still in effect, however, the process may change. Leah Shannon stated the process of Columbia Ridge's Conditional Land Use Permit has been started, they are also beginning renegotiating host fees. The renegotiating of the host fees is part of the Conditional Land Use Permit renewal. Public Works Superintendent Tim Wetherell thanked Josh and his crew for helping the city out when the Public Works Department needs it.

COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE: Leslee Hammer was present and stated the Winter Wallapooloza was very well attended, also; there are 6 snowmen in the no-snow snowman contest, also there are significantly more children in need this year with several names still on the giving tree, at the Bank of Eastern Oregon. Leslee also reported the Chamber may need to step in and cover the names left on the tree.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consisted of the following items: **a.** Approval of minutes-November 4, 2015. **b.** Approval of bills as listed. Councilor Walborn motioned to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Wetherell.

COUNCIL ACTIONS-APPROVE OR DENY:

Ordinance No. 419-Ordinance Amending the City's Nuisance Code: Councilor Wetherell motioned to have the second reading of Ordinance No. 419 by title only. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Walborn. Attorney Carey read Ordinance No. 419 by title only. Councilor Jones motioned to accept second reading of Ordinance 419 by title only and adopt. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Christensen.

Ordinance No. 420 Opt-out Option: Attorney Carey stated at this point it is not clear if a city opts out, and the tax funds are substantial can the city rescind the opt-out Ordinance. It was stated with an Ordinance possibly being adopting, it should be a hearing, to give residents a chance to speak on the topic. After considering all options, it was consensus of the Council the new wording on the city's business license (all businesses shall follow all city, state and federal laws) covers the exclusion of marijuana dispensaries and growing.

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS-REVIEW LETTERS: The Council read a report from the Gilliam County Sheriff's Department which stated the property at the Arlington Motel was still in violation. An Abatement Notice was sent to owners Joe & Rita Luggie outlining the City of Arlington's Ordinance violations. In addition, the report stated Sheriff Bettencourt has issued a citation for the violations. The Council also reviewed Abatement Notice letters prepared by Sheriff Bettencourt, addressed to Becky Nelson for her two houses. Councilor Walborn motioned to allow the Sheriff's Department to move forward with these abatement processes. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Ball.

MARSHALL SWOPE R.V.: City Recorder Pam Rosenbalm stated Marshall reported verbally he has called a couple of facilities, however, his relatives are either unable to move financially or do not qualify for these facilities. Councilor Ball stated she felt Marshall was to put the report in writing and attend the December, January and February Council Meetings. The Council agreed they would like to have Marshall present at the January Council Meeting. Councilor Walborn stated she has seen these residents at public functions, and she would like a report to show if the continued need is still there. Councilor Ball stated she interprets the Ordinance as the person needing assistance is to be the resident not their family living in the R.V. Attorney Carey agreed. However, it was consensus of the Council that February is still the cut-off date.

COUNCILORS REPORT:

- Councilor Christensen had no report on fire and police.
- Councilor Hammer had no report to give.
- Councilor Jones had no report on the airport. Councilor Jones stated there was an incident at the Bank of Eastern Oregon that came from the Justice Court. Justice Court has a sign posted on their door there are no public restrooms. Customers who come in to pay their fines are sent across the street to businesses if they need a restroom. It was consensus of the Council for Mayor Bufton to

Speak with Judge Patnode and request that sign be removed, seeing as this is a public building.

- Councilor Ball wanted to reiterate the new executive Director at MCCOG is doing well.
- Councilor Walborn stated the water line installation to the Community Center and the CTE building will begin next Monday.
- Councilor Wetherell reported the Public Works Crew at the golf course are working on their winter projects.
- Public Works Superintendent Tim Wetherell had no report to give.

In other business, the Council reviewed a letter sent in by residents who had asked if the Council could help with the neighbor's leaves and branches blowing in their yard. It was consensus of the Council this is not in their control. Mayor Bufton reported the web-site is almost completed; the Council was able to review the web-site on a laptop.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Jeffery Bufton, Mayor

Pam Rosenbalm, Recorder