

Regular Council Meeting

March 9, 2016

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on March 9, 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: Julius Courtney, Rod McGuire, Tony Price, Leslee Hammer and Jon Terland. Mayor Bufton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

PUBLIC COMMENT: Rod McGuire was present and gave an update on The Woolery; the group has reformed since the Oktoberfest. Rod asked if The Woolery Committee could use the bank parking lot and Alkali Park for a spring fundraiser; Spring Fest. This fundraiser would be on April 29, 2016, in which they will be selling 30 trees and flower baskets that were all donated. A dinner will also be served, with hopes of live entertainment. It was consensus of the Council the committee could use the city owned portion of the parking lot and park on April 29 2016. Rod was advised to check with the BEO, as part of the parking lot is owned by them.

COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE: Leslee Hammer was present and reported they are still working on the water slide project. The Council voiced concerns; Leslee stated some questions should be answered when the slide company's engineer comes to inspect the area. The Council did not want to write a letter of ownership until all questions and concerns are answered by the engineer. Recorder Rosenbalm reported the city's insurance cannot give a quote on the premium cost without the total value. Leslee also reported; the Chamber's Vice-President has resigned, they have ordered 28 decals from Honkernet, the local 4-h club will be coming to help with the fishing derby, they are in need of a new caretaker for the memorial park, August 20, 2016 is the date for the summer concert down in the gazebo, which will be featuring The Sceptores, and lastly the Chamber has reached an agreement with web design company out of Goldendale.

GILLIAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE: Officer Jon Terland was present and reported; the Sheriff's Office has started the abatement process on the Clark property. OSP have 2 suspects they are interviewing regarding the arsons, they have dealt with 4 issues regarding dogs at large this last week. Officer Terland updated the Council on an issue with Susan Mandarino at 350 Ivy, who is allegedly running a business out of her home, without a Conditional Use Permit or Business license. There are websites advertising dogs for sale from her residence. The Gilliam County Sheriff's Office is asking for direction from the Council on this matter. There are two concerns, a nuisance issue and a possible zone violation. Attorney

Cleaveland read from the City of Arlington's Zoning Ordinance, which states every violation of the terms of this Ordinance is a Class B Violation. After some discussion, Councilor Walborn motioned to continue with the nuisance violation and issue a citation. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Ball.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consisted of the following items: **a.** Approval of minutes-February 3, 2016. **b.** Approval of bills as listed. Councilor Ball motioned to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Walborn

COUNCIL ACTIONS-APPROVE OR DENY:

Approval of Budget Calendar: Councilor Walborn motioned to approve budget calendar. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Wetherell

Approval of Budget Committee: Councilor Ball motioned to approve budget committee as submitted. (Tod Lantz, Bonnie Irby, Jodi Claughton, Jeannie Kirksey, Jeanette Potter, Jodi Gentry and Keith Kenney) Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Wetherell.

Budget Workshop Date: It was consensus of the Council, Monday March 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. will be the date and time for the budget workshop.

Auditor Engagement Letter: Councilor Walborn motioned to approve Oster Professional Group as city auditors. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Wetherell.

COUNCILORS REPORT:

- Councilor Christensen reported the fire hall has repaired the water damage, due to frozen pipes, which set the sprinklers off. Their insurance will cover part of the cost; however, the fire department will be responsible for the remainder. Councilor Christensen also reported; there are 15 students taking the wild land fire training, and requested the Council Minutes be in the newspaper.
- Councilor Hammer thanked the city crew for removing gravel off the streets.
- Councilor Ball thanked everyone who prayed for her, with her recent health concerns. She did not attend the MCCOG Meeting in person, but did participate via phone.
- Councilor Walborn had no report to give.
- Councilor Wetherell reported the golf course has posted an ad for a couple of seasonal jobs at the golf course.
- Public Works Superintendent Tim Wetherell stated he is researching prices to replace some golf course equipment. The Public Works Crew has removed the cattails from the pond; they are continuing to remove the dirt and debris also.

Tim questioned the Council if they would be interested in placing a decal on the Public Works vehicles featuring the city's web-site. It was consensus of the Council to get those decals from Honernet. Tim also reported Travis Yutzie is a licensed contractor and is interested in the weed abatement process. The Council agreed the abatement letters should go out soon along with the newly adopted Ordinance referring to the violation fee. Tim also stated there is a resident who is willing to cut the weeds in the sub-division if he can use the city's brush-hog. The Council stated they would like to send out the abatement notices to give landowners the chance to clean their own property before taking action.

In other business, Mayor Bufton reported Councilor Susan Jones has resigned. The Council agreed this **vacancy needs to be published**. The Council agreed they are willing to help the Fire Department with a **Town Hall meeting** on fire prevention. Councilor Walborn motioned to **amend the Agenda** for a liquor license request. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Christensen. Councilor Christensen motioned to approve a liquor license for River's Edge Deli and BBQ, LLC. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Councilor Walborn.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. Mayor Bufton called an executive session pursuant to ORS. 192.660 (2) (h) at 7:35 p.m. Executive session was closed at 7:48 p.m. The regular meeting was reopened at 7:49 p.m. Mayor Bufton stated the Council would like Attorney Cleaveland to move forward regarding the updated information, on the abatements he has been working on. Regular meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Jeffery Bufton, Mayor

Pam Rosenbalm, Recorder