

CITY OF ARNEGARD
City Council Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2016
Unofficial

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arnegard was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2016, at the Arnegard City Hall, by Mayor Jeffrey Kindel.

PRESENT: Mayor Jeffrey Kindel; Council Member(s) Timothy C. Homiston, Bryan L. Bjornstad, Sharon R. Lane; City Auditor Juelie M. Bancroft; Chief of Police Troy White Owl; Maintenance Worker Del Haight; City Engineer Cory Ravanaas and City Attorney Kate Preusse

ABSENT: Member Patrick Brunson

GUESTS: Larry Faulkner, Nancy Haight, Neil Nelson, Maggie Hilbers, Sara Hilbers, Bryan Hilbers, Virginia Elliot and other non-speaking guests.

Public to speak:

Neil Nelson asks question regarding the living quarters above businesses in town. City Auditor Bancroft informed Mr. Nelson that the code has been in place for quite some time, and that if he would like to come into the office he can view the codes.

Motion made by Bjornstad, seconded by Lane, to approve the agenda, as presented. Roll call: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lane, seconded by Homiston, to approve the meeting minutes of May 9, 2016, as presented. Roll call: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Auditor Bancroft presented the Financial Reports for the month of May, 2016. Said Financial Reports consist of the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Budget Performance, A/R Aging Summary, Bank Reconciliation Report, Detail Report and Fund Balance Report. Discussion was held on the financial reports. Motion was made by Homiston, seconded by Bjornstad, to approve the May, 2016 Financial Reports, as presented. Roll call: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Auditor Bancroft presented the unpaid bills for the month of May, 2016. Discussion was held. Motion made by Homiston, seconded by Lane, to approving paying the monthly bills, to exclude Inv. # 0246 from Heggen Nelson Engineering, as amended. Roll call: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Check #:	Payee:	Amount:
13847	Advanced Business Methods	\$ 78.30
13848	AE2S	\$ 3,649.00
13849	Armstrong Sanitation	\$ 3,000.00
13850	Badlands Hardware	\$ 184.76
13851	Badlands Occupational Testing	\$ 42.00
13852	Balco Uniform	\$ 71.55
13853	Cenex	\$ 162.42
13854	Charlies Service	\$ 259.25
13855	Circle-H Engineering	\$ 43,026.75
13856	City of Arnegard	\$ 30,143.00
13857	City of Watford City	\$ 100.00

	Payee:	Amount:
13811	City of Watford City	\$ 112.50
13812	Furuseth Law Firm	\$ 7,049.50
13813	Gaffaneys	\$ 25.34
13814	Information Technology Department	\$ 52.35
13815	Juelie Bancroft	\$ 301.65
13816	McKenzie County	\$ 250.00
13817	McKenzie County Farmer	\$ 186.18
13818	Meuchel Computer Services	\$ 43.87
13819	NRG	\$ 300.00
13820	Watford City Express Laundry Service	\$ 32.40
13821	Watford City Veterinary Center	\$ 100.00
13822	Wesco Disposal	\$ 886.30
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		\$ 75,301.89

Mayor Kindel gave a verbal report. Has been a quiet month.

Member Bjornstad gave verbal report. Ordinance Committee met regarding chickens in town. Committee decided after much opposition from the residents that the Ordinance will stand as written.

Member Lane addressed the City Council and all in attendance. Statement as follows:

“I have been on this Council for two years now, elected by the City and not any one individual. It has been my honor always, but not always my pleasure to serve this City. So before my term is over I would like to address several things that have happened over the two years that I have been here. Please be advised that what I am going to say are my thoughts, my feelings and my observations. They do not represent any one else here, just me. So if you have a problem with what I am going to say I will give you my number after the meeting. I was contacted by several people of this community to run for City Council and although I was concerned that I may not be qualified, I was told that if I cared about the community I was qualified. I put my name into the ring, following protocol and I was surprised as everyone else that I won. This Council has been audibly attacked, mocked, ridiculed, sworn at and on occasion have been treated with a very disturbing lack of respect. This is unacceptable. If you have something to say, come to the Council meeting, use your five minutes. If you can't cover it in five minutes, put yourself on the agenda, and the Council will listen to everything you have to say and consider it.

Two years ago we had a woman come to the City Council that was complaining because her young girl almost got hit in the face by fireworks that drunks were shooting off. The next year when we voted not to have a beer tent, we were crucified. We were told by some members that we should put our beliefs aside and do what's best for the community. That very night there was an accident down at the ball field, some drunk fell off of a vehicle and ended up in ICU. I can very happily say this Council was not responsible for that. I can also let you know I will never put aside my beliefs, my moral ethics to make someone else happy. You're never going to make everyone happy. You choose your decisions; you make your decisions according to what is best for the City. If your using the City's money, if you are talking about the City Ordinances, again you're not going to please everyone, you have to do what you think is right. We were criticized, crucified over the PDQ. We have rules for a reason, just like laws, everyone has to abide by them. Regardless if someone's father is in bad health, guess what mine is in bad of health as they come, doesn't make me any less responsible to follow the laws and regulations. If you follow the rules for everybody, if you follow the rules for every construction company, every bar, every coffee shop, every business, you will never have your ethics pulled into the view of

the people to be criticized, you will know that you did what you should have done because you did it the same way for everybody else.

I can tell you my biggest concern is this, and this is where I can already feel it coming on. This City is very kind to its citizens; it is very good to its citizens. It lets people come here every single day that they want to come have coffee, and visit and play cards and have a big time. What is absolutely unacceptable to me and should be to everybody else, is allowing people to sit in this room and criticize the Mayor, the Auditor, the Engineer, the Attorney, the Council and tear down citizens of this County and this City. If you want to crucify people on the Council, people making decisions for this City, take it down the street, take it to your house, get on the phone, but don't do it under this roof. I will say this, to the citizens of Arnegard I ask you...make your own decisions, do not be led through life and your decisions by angry, bitter, vengeful people. If you're going to sit around here, say something nice, get a different hobby, choose something good to do for this City instead of tearing it down. For those of you that are left, the citizens that coming in, the Council members that are coming in, you are going to have to have compassion for people that are hurting, but don't make your decisions based simply on compassion, make your decisions according to what the Ordinances say and what the laws say. That is your responsibility. If you think that coming on the Council is a way to sway this City to do whatever you want to do, that is incorrect. I have learned a lot while I was here. It has stressed me beyond belief, but it is worth it. I love this City, I chose to come here, I choose to stay here, and I want the best for this City just like all of you that have been here all your lives. Thank you."

Chief White Owl gave a verbal report.

Maintenance Worker Haight gave a verbal report.

Park District Maintenance Worker Faulkner gave a verbal report. Moving forward on the siding for the buildings and it will all be done by the Fourth of July.

New Business:

Mayor Kindel presented Ordinance 130, an Ordinance amending Article 3 and Article 5, of 'Chapter Four' of the Ordinances of the City of Arnegard, relating to Fire Protection and Prevention. Discussion was held. Motion made by Bjornstad, seconded by Homiston, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 130, as presented. Roll call: Bjornstad – Yes; Homiston – Yes; Lane – Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Kindel presented Ordinance 131, an Ordinance amending Article 2 of 'Chapter Eight' of the Ordinances of the City of Arnegard relating to Business Regulations and Licenses. Discussion was held. Motion made by Bjornstad, seconded by Lane, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 131, as presented. Roll call: Bjornstad – Yes; Lane – Yes; Homiston – Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Kindel opened a public hearing regarding a Conditional Use Permit request from Thompson Development, LLP at 7:27 pm.

No comments from the public.

Public Hearing closed at 7:59 p.m.

Motion made by Bjornstad, seconded by Lane, to approve the Conditional Use Permit request from Thompson Development, LLP, pertaining to the dwelling for a designated manager. Roll call: Bjornstad – Yes; Lane – Yes; Homiston – Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Kindel presented Resolution No. 2016-58, a Resolution approving the bid pertaining to the 2016 City of Arnegard Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project. Motion made by Homiston, seconded by Lane, to approve Resolution No. 2016-58, as presented. Roll call: Bjornstad – Yes; Brunson – Yes; Homiston – Yes; Lane – Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Kindel presented Resolution No. 2016-59, a Resolution approving the change order #1 from Plote Construction, pertaining to the 2016 City of Arnegard Timber Creek Sewer Improvement Project. Discussion held. Motion made by Homiston, seconded by Lane, to approve Resolution No. 2016-59, as presented. Roll call: Homiston – Yes; Lane – Yes; Bjornstad – Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Kindel presented Resolution No. 2016-60, a Resolution approving the sewer rate increase pertaining to the 2016 City of Arnegard Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project. Discussion held. Motion made by Bjornstad, seconded by Lane, to approve Resolution No. 2016-60, as presented. Roll call: Bjornstad – Yes; Lane – Yes; Homiston – Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Kindel presented Resolution No. 2016-61, a Resolution approving the letter agreement for Municipal Management Support Services. Discussion held. Motion made by Homiston, seconded by Bjornstad, to approve Resolution No. 2016-61, as presented. Roll call: Homiston – Yes; Bjornstad – Yes; Lane – Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Kindel presented Resolution No. 2016-62, a Resolution approving the request from the Arnegard Boosters Club, pertaining to the Fourth of July event. Discussion held. Motion made by Bjornstad, seconded by Lane, to approve Resolution No. 2016-62, as presented. Roll call: Bjornstad – Yes; Lane – Yes; Homiston – Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Kindel presented Resolution No. 2016-63, a Resolution approving the local permit applications for the Arnegard Boosters Club. Discussion was held. Motion made by Bjornstad, seconded by Homiston, to approve Resolution No. 2016-63, as presented. Roll call: Bjornstad – Yes; Homiston – Yes; Lane – Abstain. Motion carried.

City Engineer Ravanaas updated the City Council regarding the progress of the Wastewater project.

Mayor Kindel declared an executive session at 8:35 pm.

Reopened public meeting at 9:07 pm.

Motion made by Lane, seconded by Homiston, to adjourn said meeting at 9:07 pm. Roll call: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Arnegard City Council is scheduled for July 11, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the Arnegard City Hall.

Jeffrey Kindel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Juelie M. Bancroft, City Auditor