



Minutes of the Arlington City Council Workshop

Council Chambers
110 East Third Street
January 14, 2019

Councilmembers Present: Mike Hopson, Debora Nelson, Marilyn Oertle, Joshua Roundy, Jessica Stickles, Sue Weiss, and Jan Schuette.

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mayor Barb Tolbert, Paul Ellis, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, Jonathan Ventura, Jim Kelly, Kurt Patterson, Dave Kraski, Kris Wallace, Chris Dickison, Justin Honsowetz and Erin Keator.

Also Known to be Present: Doug Buell, Bob Nelson

From Darrington Fire District #24: Chief Dennis Fenstermaker, Deputy Chief Drew Bono, Commissioner Mickey Coleman and Commissioner Dayn Bruner.

Mayor Barb Tolbert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call followed.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Marilyn Oertle moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

None.

WORKSHOP ITEMS – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

Interlocal Agreements (ILAs) with Fire Districts 19, 21, 24 and 25 for Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Chief Kraski reviewed the ILAs and asked Council to approve the Interlocal Agreements with Fire Districts 19, 21 and 25 for EMS Services: FD #19 – Silvana, FD #21 – Arlington Rural (Heights), #25 – Oso. The contracts are based financially on use and demand of the system rather than a percentage of the districts EMS levies. The model used is derived from the FCS study produced in 2016. Discussion followed with Chief Kraski answering questions.

Chief Kraski went on to explain that this is a significant financial impact for FD #24 - Darrington. He stated that representatives from Darrington FD #24 would be asking for a cost reduction to help their District to continue to provide services.

Darrington Chief Dennis Fenstermaker and Deputy Chief Drew Bono addressed the Council. They stated they knew late September/October 2018 that their cost would increase but did not understand by how much. With the new ILA the additional cost to his Fire District would be almost 50 percent of their entire costs to run the fire district for ALS service. They asked for an accommodation to their district to give them time to explore other options for ALS services in Darrington. They would like an extension of their current contract, for at least one year, which equates to them paying 70% of their EMS Levy which is approximately half of the \$240,000 that is required of them in the new contract. They are looking at ways to mitigate some costs for Arlington.

1. Have more communication with Arlington medics. Receive all continuing education through Arlington so they understand Arlington's protocols.
2. Become a sub-contractor for Arlington so Arlington can bill for mileage when Darrington transports to ALS location.
3. Use a "sprint" car to allow a medic from Arlington to go to Darrington to assess a medical emergency and then either join Darrington's transport or allow Darrington to finish transport without a medic.
4. Realign run cards so they call appropriate jurisdiction based on location of emergency.

The Mayor encourages the Chiefs to keep working on a solution. The City of Arlington's priority is to align the cost of service with our revenues. She would like for them to have a plan in the next 30 days. Councilmembers reiterated to Chief Fenstermaker that it is important for them to understand why they should subsidize Darrington; reasons outside of humanitarianism. It has taken time for the City of Arlington to adjust the costs so that we are paying actual costs and not subsidizing other departments which is what the citizens of the City of Arlington want. Chief Fenstermaker stated that Darrington Fire does not want to be a burden on the City of Arlington but they do need some time to investigate alternatives. Discussion followed.

The Mayor stated that the Council will act on the contracts for FD #19, FD #21 and FD #25 at the January 22, 2019 meeting and give Darrington a month to work on this issue.

Resolution to Surplus Public Works vehicles and equipment

Purchasing Coordinator Kurt Patterson explained to the Council that the City currently has several vehicles and pieces of equipment that are beyond their useful life and need to be declared as surplus in order to be properly auctioned off. Mr. Patterson stated that one of the trucks, W30, will require a Public Hearing; that is on the agenda for next week. Discussion followed. Councilmembers requested the mileage for each vehicle. Mr. Patterson stated he would email the vehicle mileage to Councilmembers.

Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Grant Agreement for roundabout at 204th Street NE and 77th Avenue NE.

Public Works Director Jim Kelly reviewed the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Grant proposal. Staff is requesting authorization for the mayor to sign an agreement for acceptance of a TIB grant for construction of a roundabout at 204th Street NE and 77th Avenue NE. Discussion followed.

Resolution Declaring used water meters and scrap metal as surplus and authorizing sale

Public Works Director Jim Kelly reviewed his request to have the Council approve a resolution declaring used water meters and scrap metal accumulated during 2019 and 2020 as surplus and authorize it to be sold at salvage value.

Ordinance rescinding 2019 Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases for water, sewer, and stormwater utilities

Public Works Director Jim Kelly reviewed the proposed ordinance to amend the Arlington Municipal Code (AMC) 13.12 allowing the City to defer implementation of the 2019 mandatory water, sewer, and stormwater utility rate increases. There is no need this year for the increase. Last increase was in 2012 and was a partial increase.

Miscellaneous Council Items

None.

ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS

Fire Chief Kraski talked about there being two suicides in the last several days. He's wanting to look at how to deal with these types of situations and what help they can provide to staff who responds to these types of emergencies. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmembers Hopson, Nelson, Oertle, Roundy, Weiss, Schuette and Stickles provided brief updates.

The Mayor thanked the councilmembers for going to the police awards and showing support.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

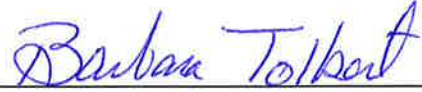
None.

REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Council discussed and agreed to place the resolution declaring used water meters and scrap metal as surplus and authorizing sale on the January 22, 2019 Consent Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Barbara Tolbert, Mayor