

ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., Mayor Kreft presiding.

Members present: Mayor Kreft, Pederson, Pichelmann, Reetz, Vrklan, Wills

Members absent: None

Also present: Adm. Jaunich, Historical Society Member Dwight Grabitske

Motion by Vrklan, seconded by Pederson, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the agenda with the following additions:

4C) Approve the Dance Permit for the Arlington Haus

15.1) Discussion on the Governor's proposed budget reductions.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Pichelmann, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the consent agenda as follows:

A) Approval of the February 1st Regular Meeting Minutes

B) Approval of the Bills

C) Approve Dance Permit for the Arlington Haus (with condition that the Police Chief approves the security plan).

It was noted that there were no public hearings scheduled.

It was noted that there were no citizens present to address the Council on non-agenda items.

The following announcements were reviewed:

- 1) Fire & Ambulance Meeting with Townships/Green Isle is Thursday, February 18th at 7:00 pm
- 2) MMUA Winter Legislative Conference is March 24-26 in Bloomington
- 3) LMC Safety and Loss Control Workshops take place in March/April in various locations.

The Council reviewed the following communications:

- 1) December Water/Wastewater Report
- 2) January Financial Reports.

Dwight Grabitske presented the annual Historical Society Report. He commented on several topics: Historic Buildings Committee, Arlington Greys Vintage Baseball, Fire Hose Cart Restoration Project, Awards/Grants, Future Projects and various conferences that had been attended throughout the year. He also talked about the lack of storage they (AHS) have for the various items that they have acquired and are currently storing in various locations (members homes, etc.). Mayor Kreft thanked the AHS for what they provide to the city.

The first reading of Ordinance 249 – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 169, The Arlington Zoning Ordinance by Replacing Section 10, Subd. 5 Relating to Performance Standards within the I-2 General Industrial District, was held. Adm. Jaunich stated that Planning & Zoning Committee had reviewed the proposed ordinance and were recommending it be approved. Reetz commented that prior to the proposed ordinance, performance standards did not exist for the I-2 district.

Mayor Kreft presented information on the Governor's Fit City Program and felt that the City of Arlington should be a part of it. He stated that there are certain criteria that have to be met, which the City is doing some of already. It was noted that it does not cost anything to join the program and could be beneficial to the City when applying for various grants.

Councilmember Reetz introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION 11-2010
A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING ACTIVITY-FRIENDLY COMMITMENTS

WHEREAS, the first criteria listed on the Governor's Fit City Application is stated as:

Criteria 1 (required). City must adopt a resolution affirming fit-friendly commitments by community leaders and elected officials.

WHEREAS, *Active Living* is a way of life that integrates physical activity into daily routines. The goal is to accumulate at least 30 minutes of activity each day. Individuals may do this in a variety of ways such as walking or bicycling for transportation, exercise or pleasure; playing in the park; working in the yard; taking the stairs; and using recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arlington affirms activity-friendly commitments such as:

- Adopt a Resolution to designate the City of Arlington as a Governor's "Fit City".
- Agrees to advertise and display "Fit City" in the form of a plaque, on the City's website, and in the City Newsletter.
- The City has studied, promotes, maintains and will continue to develop walkability capacity.
- The City is committed to developing and maintaining a cohesive system of parks and trails.
- The City commits to maintaining at least one indoor facility (i.e. the Community Center) available for cold season activity that is open and accessible to all ages.
- The City supports recreation programs that encourage active living (e.g. continue to sponsor summer recreation programs).
- The City supports increasing awareness of active living concepts by incorporating such concepts into public dialogue.
- The City partners with public/private educational institutions, adjacent units of government, the Prairie Line Trail Organization, Sibley County Public Health, and other community-wide organizations dedicated to specific or general activities which support physical activity (e.g. Implementation of the Safe Routes to School Program, Walkability community Workshop report implementation, promoting connectivity/continuity of local and regional pedestrian and bicycle facilities, mapping best walking/biking routes for distribution at Sibley Medical Center).
- The City commits to promoting or sponsoring at least one event or activity as part of the City's annual commitment to fitness (e.g. 5K walk/run).
- The City commits to continuing implementation of measures to increase pedestrian and bicyclists safety (e.g. implementation of Safe Routes to School program, implementation of sidewalk repair/replacement program, implementation of pedestrian/bicycle connection/continuity plan).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Arlington is committed to providing an activity friendly community to its residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the application for The Governor's Fit City Program.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Pederson and upon poll being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: Pederson, Pichelmann, Reetz, Vrklan, Wills; and the following voted against the same: None; and the following abstained from voting: None; and the following were absent: None.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Arlington this 16th day of February, 2010.

CITY OF ARLINGTON, MINNESOTA

/s/ James R. Kreft
Mayor

Attest: /s/ Matthew Jaunich
City Administrator

The Council reviewed a couple of bids pertaining to some upgrades for the Hwy 5 Lift Station. A memo from PeopleServices, was also reviewed about the various upgrades that are needed. Adm. Jaunich commented that \$5,000 had been budgeted to replace pumps, but as of recent more problems have been occurring and additional upgrades may be needed. It was suggested to hold a meeting with the city's engineer to evaluate the upgrades being proposed and determine if they will be short/long term fixes.

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Wills, and passed by unanimous vote to table action on the Upgrades to the Hwy 5 Lift Station until such time that more information can be obtained regarding said upgrades.

Adm. Jaunich presented the *Senior Building Use & Rental Policy* and the *Technology Center Use & Rental Policy* that he had drafted. He stated that there is currently no written policy for either building.

Motion by Wills, seconded by Pichelmann, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the Senior Building Use & Rental Policy as presented. (*See attached policy*)

Motion by Wills, seconded by Reetz, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the Technology Center Use & Rent Policy as presented. (*See attached policy*)

Discussion was held on the Pond Scoping Project for the Horseshoe Drive and Circle Lane area. Adm. Jaunich stated that the City Engineer had looked at the area and determined that there were two possible locations (one on the north side and one on the south side of Freedom Drive) that would work. Preliminary cost estimates for both were reviewed. It was noted that the cost to purchase the land needed for said pond or to clean up the old dump site were not included. It was also noted that they are looking to see what (if any) grant resources are available for projects of this type. It was the consensus that the Utility Committee should review the information further and invite the Watershed District to that meeting.

Discussion was held on the summer recreation program and possibly implementing a fee for same. The Council reviewed the '09 summer recreation expenses, which included the Story Hour program. Mayor Kreft commented that maintenance/upkeep on the ball fields themselves was not included in the overall expenses. Adm. Jaunich has started polling other communities on their programs to see what they charge.

Discussion was held on the LGA cuts that the Governor was proposing. Adm. Jaunich talked about how the City of Arlington would be affected by the cuts. It was noted that some cost sharing may have to be looked into with surrounding communities and the County.

Some discussion was held on setting a date to hold an Open House with the residents whose properties will be affected by the upcoming electrical improvement project. It was the consensus of the Council to hold an Open House on Monday, March 15th from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Vrklan commented that the Fire Department had been awarded a \$35,000 grant, of which \$30,000 was designated for new turnout gear and \$5,000 for training. He stated that the Mayor, Administrator and Council had been invited to an upcoming Fire Department meeting in order to discuss and/or settle some issues. It was noted that all Firefighters (county wide) were going to be getting picture ID's. Vrklan commented that the Truck Committee (within the fire department) had met with a company on a tanker truck. It had been agreed to save money and put a new tank on a used chassis. Vrklan commented on some of the particulars about the truck and associated costs. He stated that they are still waiting to hear on the FEMA grant.

Pederson commented that the Parks Committee continues to discuss sidewalks and trails in and around town. He stated that the Lions Club has expressed an interest in assisting financially with one of the Parks Committee's projects.

Brief discussion was held on the penalty the city is being charged yearly by the DNR due to the use of a specific well.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Pederson, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm.