

**ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 21, 2012 AT 6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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1. Call meeting to order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Approve the agenda and any agenda additions

CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed for consideration will be enacted by one motion unless the Mayor, a member of the City Council, City Staff or a person in attendance requests an item to be removed from the Agenda.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - A) Approval of the February 6th Regular Meeting Minutes
 - B) Approval of Bills

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PETITIONS, REQUESTS, & COMMUNICATIONS

5. Addressing the Council
 - A) Citizens Addressing the Council
6. Announcements
 - A) RS Fiber Council Workshop ó March 6th @ 5:30 p.m.
7. Communications
 - A) January Financial Reports
 - B) City Administrator's Project List
 - C) January Water/Wastewater Report

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

8. Yearly Arlington Historical Society Update

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

9. Resolution 19-2012 ó Gambling Permit

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. Approve/Deny Summer Rec. Participation in Twins Tickets with Gaylord

NEW BUSINESS

11. Approve/Deny Railroad Crossings Grant Agreement
- 12.
- 13.
- 14.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

15. Council Committee Updates
16. Open Discussion

ADJOURNMENT

Reminders:

- 1) Hospital Board ó February 27th @ 5 pm (SMC)
- 2) Parks ó February 27th @ 7 pm
- 3) EDA ó February 28th @ 6 pm
- 4) P&Z ó March 1st @ 7 pm

**ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

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

Members present: Mayor Kreft, Pederson, Pichelmann, Ruehling, Wills

Members absent: Reetz

Also present: City Administrator Jaunich, Attorney Arneson, Historical Society Members Curt Boeder & Dwight Grabitske, Chad Fisher

Motion by Ruehling, seconded by Wills, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the agenda with the following addition:

7C) January Water/Wastewater Report.

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

- A) Approval of the February 6th Regular Meeting Minutes
- B) Approval of the Bills.

It was noted that there were no public hearings scheduled.

Chad Fisher, 630 East Brooks Street, was present to request that his (gravel) street be blacktopped. He stated that when he moved in back in 2003 the traffic was minimal, but in recent years has increased and is taking a toll on the road, which is making it harder to maintain. Mayor Kreft explained that one of two things needed to be done: 1) the residents in the area could petition the City Council for the improvement, which would require a 3/5th majority vote of the Council to move the project forward; or 2) the City could initiate the project, which a 4/5th majority vote of the Council would be needed. Adm. Jaunich explained that, per the City's Assessment Policy, 100% of the cost would be assessed to the adjoining property owners as it would be considered new construction. Fisher commented that they were only looking for pavement, no curb and gutter, etc. at this time. He added that the paved area was intended for East Brooks Street and Meadowlark Lane, along the residential lots, not the commercial areas. Fisher expressed concern about trying to keep costs down. Adm. Jaunich will have the City Engineer put some numbers together on possible project costs.

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

The following announcements were reviewed:

- 1) RS Fiber Council Workshop 6 March 6th @ 5:30 pm.

The Council reviewed the following communications:

- 1) January Financial Reports
- 2) City Administrator's Project List
- 3) January Water/Wastewater Report.

Dwight Grabitske and Curt Boeder presented the annual Historical Society (AHS) Report. Grabitske commented briefly on the following:

- 1) Behind the Scenes Award from the Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums (MALHM) they received in conjunction with the Lido Theatre project;
- 2) Historic Structures Sub-committee that has been helping them with obtaining information (such as date of construction and who built, etc.) on older structures both residential and businesses; information is being made available at the Public Library;
- 3) Arlington Brick Historic Marker Project-commemorating the brick manufacturing facility that once was in Arlington;
- 4) A picture of former Mayor John M. Thompson (1923-1925) will be coming. Two things done during his term were the old Community Hall building was constructed and curb/gutter was put in on Main Street.

Boeder stated that AHS has been looking at restoring a horse-drawn hearse as their next project. Details are still being worked out with the current owner. It is the intent to then use it for military funerals.

It was noted that in 10 years the AHS has received \$73,800 in donations.

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

RESOLUTION 19-2012

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A LAWFUL GAMBLING PERMIT FOR ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Arlington hereby approves the application for a Lawful Gambling Permit as submitted by St. John's Lutheran Church for a bingo event on March 25, 2012.

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

Approved by the City Council of the City of Arlington this 21st day of February, 2012.

CITY OF ARLINGTON, MINNESOTA

/s/ James R. Kreft, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Matthew Jaunich, City Administrator

Discussion continued (from previous meeting) on participation in Twins Tickets with Gaylord for the Summer Recreation program. Adm. Jaunich provided an update on what has been done in the past. It was suggested to contact some of the charitable organizations to see if they would consider helping with the cost.

Motion by Wills, seconded by Pederson, and passed by unanimous vote to purchase 80 Twins tickets with Gaylord for the Summer Recreation Program for the Twins Game on June 27th.

The Council reviewed a Railroad Crossings Grant Agreement. Adm. Jaunich stated that this is a County and Rail Authority project, but because the railroad runs through Arlington, they need the City to sign off on the project.

Motion by Pichelmann, seconded by Pederson, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the Railroad Crossings Grant Agreement, contingent upon Attorney Arneson and Adm. Jaunich's review of all attachments/exhibits (currently not included with the agreement).

Wills gave an update on the Fire Department. They are in the process of updating their SOG's/SOP's. They were also informed that they have a \$4,000 DNR grant that must be used by the end of June of this year.

Adm. Jaunich commented that a letter had been sent to the High Island Creek Watershed and did receive a response back. He and Mayor Kreft will be attending their board meeting on February 27th.

Adm. Jaunich stated that the first meeting for shared services with other communities has been scheduled in the first part of March.

It was noted that no applications had been received for the Emergency Manager position yet.

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Wills, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm.

City Administrator Matthew Jaunich

Mayor James R. Kreft