## ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL <u>CLOSED</u> MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

The Special Council meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m., Mayor Nagel presiding.

Members Present: Mayor Rich Nagel, Michelle Battcher, Adam Cowell, Tom Hatlestad, Jim Heiland,

Ben Jaszewski. Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Adm. Pat Melvin

Motion by Heiland, seconded by Battcher, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the agenda as presented.

Mayor Nagel stated the purpose of the special closed meeting was to discuss and consider an offer to purchase real estate.

Adm. Melvin explained that the EDA has been discussing what to do with the industrial park southwest of town. He stated that the City does not have access to this property and decided earlier in the year not to pursue putting a road into the area for three industrial lots due to costs being prohibitive and gave back the BDPI grant. The EDA has since been pursuing other options for acquiring land in the northeast corner of the City for an industrial park. The group evaluated several sites and identified one which would be ideal for future expansion and lower cost to extend utilities. Engineer Femrite had put some preliminary numbers together for putting a road in and installing utilities, etc. This proposed site would allow for future expansion. Some members of the Council expressed concern about spending money to purchase additional land for an industrial park when the City already had land for an industrial park without an access on the southwest end of town.

Other Council members had concerns with spending significant amounts of money on land and to extend utilities when in the end the City is giving these industrial sites to businesses as an incentive for them to locate in Arlington. There was discussion about what would happen if the City did not incent businesses to locate in Arlington and was the Council okay with a business going to another community because the other community offered the new business incentives that Arlington did not. The Council wanted to explore other options for incentivizing businesses to come to Arlington.

It was suggested that the negotiations group consisting of Nagel, Newsom and Femrite, pursue swaping land with the property owners on the northeast side of town (22 acre industrial park in the southwest plus the 14 acres north of the fairgrounds) in addition to purchasing the remaining land to complete the deal.

Motion by Hatlestad, seconded by Battcher, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 pm.

/s/ Pat Melvin	/s/ Rich Nagel	
City Administrator Patrick Melvin	Mayor Richard Nagel	