

Arlington City Council Holds February Meeting

By Lilly Morefield, KPI Writer

The Arlington City Council met February 9, with Mayor McGee calling the meeting to order at 5 p.m. Those in attendance included Mayor McGee, City Clerk Anya Dixon, Magistrates Carol Carter, Nancy Dodge and Evelyn West, and

visitor Lilly Morefield of the Carlisle County News. Mayor McGee welcomed everyone in attendance before the meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved unanimously. A motion was made and approved by all members to accept the financial report.

Council members also approved payment of city bills following a motion made by West. A sanitation report was presented by West, who noted she had been unable to attend the previous meeting. During the New Commonwealth Gas report, Dodge informed the council that the city attorney

will review paperwork to ensure all documents are current. She also stated the city may need to consider a name change related to the matter. Under old business, council members discussed an ongoing water leak issue. Mayor McGee reported the city is losing an estimated 6,000 to 10,000

gallons of water per day, though officials have not yet located the source of the leak. In new business, the council discussed purchasing a sounding machine leak detector. Following discussion, members approved the purchase of the equipment to help identify the water loss. Additional business

included discussion of an old building located at the city ballpark. The council voted to move forward with having the structure demolished, with the tin roofing to be salvaged.

Honoring a Lifetime of Service: Dan Bowles Recognized for 40 Years as Fire Chief

By Laurna Todd, KPI Writer

Carlisle County officials and community members gathered during a recent Fiscal Court meeting to recognize longtime Cunningham Fire Department leader Dan Bowles for his extraordinary service and dedication to the county. Bowles, who joined the Cunningham Volunteer Fire Department decades ago, was elected Fire Chief in 1984. After 40 years of leadership, he stepped down from the chief's role at the end of 2024 but continues to serve the department as a volunteer firefighter. County leaders praised Bowles for helping shape the Cunningham Fire Department into the organization it is today. Known for his reliability and commitment, Bowles has long been recognized as one of

the first responders to arrive at emergency calls and often among the last to leave. His decades of service have been entirely voluntary, reflecting a deep commitment to protecting the residents of Carlisle County. In honor of his contributions, Carlisle County Judge/Executive Greg Terry officially proclaimed February 24, 2026, as Dan Bowles Day in Carlisle County. The proclamation highlighted the vital role volunteer firefighters play in ensuring community safety and recognized Bowles' more than four decades of leadership, mentorship, and service. Throughout his tenure, Bowles witnessed significant changes in fire science and emergency response while maintaining high standards of professionalism and dedication. Officials

also noted the countless hours he devoted away from family and personal time to training firefighters, responding to emergencies, and mentoring new generations of volunteers. "His exceptional longevity, dedication, and leadership serve as a beacon of civic duty," the proclamation stated, encouraging citizens to recognize and celebrate Bowles' lasting impact on the community. The proclamation was signed by Judge/Executive Greg Terry and attested by Carlisle County Clerk Becky Martin. County officials expressed their gratitude, thanking Bowles for the countless hours he has given to the Cunningham Fire Department and the people of Carlisle County — a legacy of service that continues even after four decades of leadership.



Dan Bowles (center) is honored for 40 years of service as Cunningham Fire Department Fire Chief during a Carlisle County Fiscal Court meeting on Feb. 24, 2026.

Ham Radio Offers Lifeline When Technology Fails – Learn How March 30th

By Laurna Todd, KPI Writer

Residents interested in communication

technology, emergency preparedness, or connecting with people around the world are invited to

attend an upcoming Ham Radio information session hosted by the Carlisle County Extension Office. The introductory meeting, sponsored by the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, will take place Monday, March 30, 2026, at 6 p.m. at the Carlisle County Extension Office, located at 65 John Roberts Drive in Bardwell. The session will introduce participants

to Amateur Radio — commonly known as Ham Radio — a hobby that allows individuals to communicate locally, nationally, and even internationally without relying on telephones, cell service, or the internet. Organizers say ham radio operators can communicate across great distances and, in some cases, even speak with astronauts aboard space missions. In addition to

being a recreational hobby, amateur radio plays an important role during emergencies when traditional communication systems fail due to power outages or natural disasters. The program will explore how ham radio can provide reliable communication when other systems are unavailable. The meeting is designed for beginners and anyone curious about learning more,

regardless of age or technical experience. Organizers also noted there is potential for a follow-up series that would help participants work toward earning their own Ham Radio license. An RSVP is required to ensure an accurate meal count for attendees. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact the Carlisle County Extension Office 270-628-5458.



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