

SYNOPSIS: CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS & MEETINGS

* One of the most important things we do as adults is elect City Officials that, as a Council, make important decisions about our local community; decisions that affect our schools, roadways, infrastructure, business opportunities, and our day to day lives, in general.

On the first and third Mondays of each month, the Arab City Council holds their Work Sessions and City Council Meetings at Arab City Hall. Anyone can attend these meetings... everyone should.

The ***City Council Work Session*** starts at 6:00 p.m.

During the Work Session, the Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, and a host of City leaders representing the Finance Department, Building Inspections, Parks & Recreation Department, Street Department, Fire Department, Police Department, Economic Development, etc..., all discuss what's going on in each department, what equipment or personnel changes that may be needed, budget needs, infrastructure changes and more. Department heads give updates. The Work Session is not a time for public input, but you get a great sense of how our City is being taken care of by these hard working employees.

* The ***City Council Meeting*** starts at 6:30 p.m.

This is where the City Council Members actually vote on important matters for our city.

If you've never attended a City Council Meeting before, basically it goes like this:

The Mayor, as Head of the Council, reads aloud the matter before the Council. They have an opportunity to ask questions, make opinions, ask the attorney for clarifications, and discuss the details of what is being considered. The Mayor then asks for a vote to say yes or no to the proposal. Each member then places his or her vote.

In many matters, not all, the Mayor asks for public input. If you have an important point to bring up about the matter being voted on, you are allowed to stand up and briefly talk to the Council.

** Attending the City Council Meetings is a very important responsibility of the City's citizens; watching, listening, interacting, & being a part of making decisions for our City.*

This is your home, your place of doing business, your community, your play grounds, your road ways and schools.

It's easy to say "Why don't we have..?" or "the City should..," or "why did they do that..?" Come find out why.