

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 01-28-2019

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Municipal Complex

**Regular Meeting**

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Ann Cowan

Councilperson Corky Massey

Mayor Pro-Tem Tony Alldredge

Mayor Betty Bradley

Mayor Bradley called the meeting to order and asked the clerk for a roll call. The clerk called the roll and the above listed persons were present.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge gave the invocation.

Mayor Bradley opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve the council meeting minutes from 01/14/2019 with corrections made to page 2. Councilperson Cowan seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Bowman-absent, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-absent, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the recently adopted Building Permit Ordinance. Court Clerk Tom Suggs stated under new residences, subcontractors have been left out of the ordinance. Questions have arisen from construction companies and the Clerks need to know how to proceed. Attorney Brunson stated he would research the ordinance. All agreed to postpone the matter until the other council members were present.

Grant Writer Speaker Kelley Taft was absent

Teen Council President Katie Whitfield provided the clerk with a draft of their new guidelines. Ms. Whitfield also stated the Teen Council would be sponsoring the Mayor's Breakfast this year. Discussion was held on where to hold the breakfast and the Teen Council members attending as well. The Council will go over the guidelines provided by the Teen Council and address them at the next meeting.

Attorney Johnny Brunson discussed Advanced Disposal providing the amended agreement with the solid terms that was settled on previously with Gentry Shows. The City's new contact with the company is currently working on getting that document together with the proper signatures.

Bus driver Bill Hambright spoke regarding the issues he has driving safely around Countryview Circle. It was suggested they make the Circle a one way to alleviate the possibility of head on collisions. Many of the residents of Countryview Circle spoke against the idea of changing it to a one way and discussed the reasons why they were against it. After further discussion, it was decided to trim back the limbs, widen the road and ask the PD to require the owner of a vehicle parked in the roadway to move it. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge asked if there had been any wrecks reported on Countryview Circle. Chief Downing stated there had not. Councilperson Massey agreed he would come on Saturday to try to widen the road and cut limbs. Mayor Bradley stated if there were still any issues after six months then the Council could have another meeting to address it.

The City Clerk opened the bids for the four Police Vehicles and read them aloud to the public. Luke Benefield won the bid for the 2004 Ford Crown Vic, Vin#2FAFP71W34X100480 at \$825.00. Maria Moses won the bid for the 2006 Ford Crown Vic, Vin#2FAFP71W76X116992 at \$515.50. Omar El Husari won the bids for the 2005 Ford Crown Vic, Vin#2FAFP71W15X118946 at \$150.00 and the 2007 Ford Crown Vic, Vin#2FAFP71W87X154619 at \$200.00.

Attorney Johnny Brunson read aloud Resolution No. 2019-1-28 for the Storm Shelter accepting the bid by Modular Connections. Attorney Brunson noticed an extra verb on the first line that needs to be removed. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge asked Attorney Brunson if there was any conflict with him voting on the Storm Shelter Resolution since the low bidder does continuous business with Alabama Power, a company that he works for. Attorney Brunson stated since there was no money gained and it was indirect there was no issue with him voting. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge motioned to approve Resolution No. 2019-1-28 with the correction. Councilperson Massey seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Bowman-absent, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-absent, and Mayor Bradley-abstained. Mayor Bradley asked Attorney Brunson if she should abstain. Attorney stated since there was no decision-making outside, merely executing the approved contracts and facilitating the resolution, there would not be an issue with her voting. Mayor Bradley changed her vote to a yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Massey and Mayor Bradley thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge for the great job he has done handling the Storm Shelter project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge reported he is waiting on Eddie Culpepper to set up a date to tour the plant where they make the storm shelter and he verified all the council could attend. Secondly, he reported silt leaving the site due to heavy rain. They attempted to correct the issue. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge explained the city still has an NPDES Permit that was previously opened when the Council bid out work around the municipal building that should have been closed when the bids were rejected. After consulting with the County and Attorney Brunson, Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge contacted ADEM to come out and inspect the site since the City did have a permit open just to make sure the project was being handled correctly. The representative reported they had no complaints, it was a minor issue, nothing harmful that was leaving the premises and gave the City suggestions to fix it.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge stated the city would not have had to have a permit for this type of project, but since the permit is open the city would need to have someone come test the storm water if heavy rains occurred again. This would be a \$325.00 fee per visit after a certain amount of rainfall in a certain period of time. They will have to take a sample to test and report to the state. Also, the City needs a company to certify the subgrade before the foundation is poured on site. This process is estimated at \$750.00. Both are included in the grant funds. Mayor Bradley stated she would rather be safe and make sure the city is handling the project properly by making a motion to hire someone now. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge motioned to engage Terracon to handle both the water testing and subgrade. Councilperson Massey seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Bowman-absent, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-absent, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Attorney Brunson discussed the Animal Control Ordinance. He stated Tommy Johnson would be willing to house the animals. There will also be fees built in that are recoverable. He suggested the council review the ordinance and vote at the next meeting. There was further discussion regarding the state law vs. the municipal level ordinance on dangerous dogs, the supporting documents for a fine schedule, as well as adding a 60-day time frame for citizens to become aware of the new ordinance. Mayor Bradley asked the council to send any further questions regarding the ordinance to the Clerk to forward to the attorney.

Attorney Brunson stated Judge Chamblee requested the Distracted Driving Ordinance be along the lines of Trussville's and so it is verbatim to theirs. Attorney Brunson will forward a copy to the Clerk for the Council to review for the next meeting. Councilperson Massey asked if it will be compatible with what Jim McClendon is currently working on. Attorney Brunson responded it would be.

Discussion was held on tax rebates for amended tax returns people have issued. Attorney Brunson stated this was not uncommon. He suggested doing a resolution authorizing the clerk to handle refunds under \$1000.00 and then if anything over have the council vote to pay. The Council agreed to allow the Attorney to create that ordinance for the next meeting.

Attorney Brunson updated the 8885 Lease amounts, late fee to 10% and added attorney fees. He has created a letter to inform the tenant of these changes and can send that out if the Council approves. Councilperson Massey motioned to approve Attorney Brunson to send out the letter. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Bowman-absent, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-absent, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Bradley asked the council if they had any suggestions for the Park Rules and Regulations. Discussion was held on what rules are listed on the current sign and getting a new one made. Also maintaining dogs in public places. The City has had complaints of people not cleaning up after their animals. It was suggested to have a separate ordinance for dogs in public places or address it in the ordinance for the park. Mayor Bradley stated the City needs something official for the park. Attorney Brunson will include a provision that addresses nuisances in Emily's Law Ordinance. He will draw up an ordinance for the City and the Council can review it for next council meeting.

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Bradley discussed the leaks with the City Hall roof. They have only received one estimate and would like to get a couple more. Councilperson Massey suggested Roofing Solutions and he will try to find information for another.

Mayor Bradley stated there will be a speaker, Dona Bonnett, next meeting to discuss her interests in fixing the City website.

The Mayor's Breakfast is February 12, 2019 at 7:30am located at Benjammins. Brad Green with Raymond James will be the speaker.

The City will have a Chambers meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6pm located at City Hall.

**Council Comments:** Councilperson Massey reported the Teen Council would like to have a spring yard sale. He asked if the council would consider waiving the yard sale fee when raising funds for charities. Mayor Bradley asked if Councilperson Massey would bring that up closer to time of the yard sale.

Mayor Bradley stated they needed to vote whether to waive the Building Permit fees for the Storm Shelter or not. They will charge the city for that permit in the bill and therefore it would just be an exchange of funds. Councilperson Massey motioned to waive the Building Permit Fee for the Storm Shelter. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Bowman-absent, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-absent, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None

Councilperson Massey motioned to adjourn. Councilperson Cowan seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Bowman-absent, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-absent, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Casie Bethune, City Clerk