

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 04-08-19

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Municipal Complex

**Regular Meeting**

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Ann Cowan

Councilperson Ronnie Bowman

Mayor Pro-Tem Tony Alldredge

Councilperson Corky Massey

Councilperson Ann Brown

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.

Councilperson Brown gave the invocation.

Mayor Bradley opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve minutes from 03/11/2019 with spelling correction. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Bowman-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve minutes from 03/25/19. Councilperson Massey seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Bowman-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve budget meeting minutes from 03/13/2019. Councilperson Bowman seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Bowman-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Speaker Heath Kritner with Right Choice Roofing LLC spoke regarding the city hall roof repairs. He provided the council with two general estimates of replacing the roof for \$112,075.54 or repairing for \$6,248.16. The Council asked questions on the details of what would be done for each estimate. They also inquired what it would cost instead to use bigger screws and replace the old ones. Mr. Kritner would send the city his new estimate with that requirement. Councilperson Massey stated he had already spoken with Good Game as well and they would provide the council with a similar estimate of repairs for comparison. There was

further discussion on the benefits of having a standing seam roof vs. replacing the screws. Mr. Kritner would also send a new estimate listing the price for a standing seam roof to compare.

**Police Report:** Captain Glenn Wells gave the monthly report.

**Fire Report:** Interim Chief Scott Payne gave the monthly report. The fire department also assisted with the train crossing closures by hosing down the fresh paved roads to speed up the process for traffic.

**Road Report:** Councilperson Bowman reported the trees in Briar Ridge have been removed. Councilperson Massey brought up the roads the County was contracted to tar and gravel. They needed to get with the County to look at them. The Council agreed the roads looked poor and they need to figure out what the next steps are with the County.

**Food Bank Report:** President Jim Link had nothing to report.

**Teen Council Report:** President Katie Whitfield had some concerns regarding the Argo Teen Council Membership Requirements and Duties that was passed last meeting. They did not have enough members to acquire all elected positions, required meetings etc. Councilperson Massey stated he spoke with the Ms. Whitfield assuring her the City Council would be flexible the first couple years while they are establishing themselves. There was further discussion about possible amendments to the approved list of requirements. Councilperson Brown stated the Council was trying to set up these requirements not only for the current Teen Council, but for future members. Mayor Bradley also stated they wanted to have the Teen Council's rules and regulations in place for future involvement with the League of Municipalities, which may develop programs or scholarships for them. Ms. Whitfield stated her mother would be the parent liaison for the Teen Council. She also inquired about name badges for the Teen Council. The Clerk was unable to find a company to process those. The Council suggested to use Bell Company.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge stated the City had received the invoice from CCI regarding the storm shelter altering the plans for the sewage pump. Mayor Bradley asked about the water build up where the shelter will be. Councilperson Massey stated they would drain that after they put the slab down. There was discussion on when the building would begin and a time line for the project. Also discussed again was a generator for city hall and the shelter. Mayor Bradley stated she had not heard from Mr. Butler regarding a size the city would need. Councilperson Massey stated he spoke with Brian Smith, with Trussville Utilities and they could possibly help the city with a gas line to the generator, but they would need to know the size first. There was general conversation on reaching out to different contacts to assist and the information they would need from the city regarding usage. The Council members will work on getting specifications for a generator and report back next meeting.

Attorney Brunson let the Council know the 8885 lease has still not been returned signed as of yet; however, the city was still covered under the previous lease for any liability issues. Discussion was held on what legal direction to take since there has been no action made by the

tenant. Mayor Bradley stated they could give it another month and then inquire again about the lease. Councilperson Massey stated he would speak with the tenant regarding his intentions.

**City Attorney Report:** Attorney Brunson reported the civil side of the Glasscox case was continuing still. There has been a few hurbles involving that case, but it is looking positive.

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Bradley asked the council their opinion on what they should do regarding Katie Lane. If the City does not use the grant money by the deadline, they will have to pay back those funds. She stated Mr. Culpepper informed her the likelihood of FEMA approving any more funding for the project is probably naught. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge stated it was his understanding the city would also not be able to add city funds to the project either under stipulations of the grant. There was general conversation on what they could do before the deadline next year in 2020. The Clerk was instructed to send all the information on the grant to Attorney Brunson to see if there is anything else that can be done.

Mayor Bradley alerted the Council the beginning of May, City Hall will not be closed since the Court Clerk will be unable to attend the Convention.

Buckeye's is having a Customer Appreciation Day May 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm and raffle tickets will be sold for \$2.00. Many businesses and citizens have contributed to the prize winnings.

Mayor Bradley stated the credit card machine for the city side is finally up and running with Govt. Portal.

Mayor Bradley also asked the council if they would like the city to participate in the National Night Out again this year. If they decide to it will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in August 2019. Chief Downing suggested having Argo's own function like Springville, because of all the rules and stipulations that are involved with NNO. Mayor Bradley stated she just wanted to bring it to everyone's attention, and it can be discussed at a later date.

Mayor Bradley alerted the Council the front tires of the tractor had been replaced for under \$250.00. They were both thin and one had a large nail in it. The back two tires are also worn out and will need replacing soon. Darrell Glass is looking into prices for those.

**Council Comments:** None

**Public Comments:** None

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

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Betty Bradley", written over a horizontal line.

Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Casie Bethune", written over a horizontal line.

Casie Bethune, City Clerk