

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 05-13-19

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.

Speaker Patti Howell was absent.

**Police Report:** Captain Glenn Wells gave the monthly report. He asked the Council if the City could do anything about excessive false alarms. Mayor Bradley stated they would see if anything was already in place, and if not, the city would address that issue. Captain Wells stated Chief Downing was doing well but confined to bed for a couple weeks.

Rod and Ryan Carroll discussed their idea for the Customer Appreciation Day and how it blossomed to many donations for the raffle. Mr. Carroll listed all donators that participated and thanked all people who assisted and volunteered with the function. Altogether, they raised \$3500.00; \$1750.00 would go to the Argo Food Bank and \$1750.00 to the Park Fund for swings. Mr. Carroll presented the funds to Jim Link and Councilperson Ann Brown. Mayor Bradley thanked the Carrolls for their hard work and all volunteers.

Councilperson Brown discussed the total amount of funds raised so far for the swings and how much they needed still. She stated the swings would cost \$12,500.00. However, they could save funds by getting volunteers to help with the installation of the equipment to cut labor costs. Councilperson Brown thanked the Carrolls for all they did along with providing food for the people that came by the whole day.

**Fire Report:** Lt. Andy Griffith gave the monthly report. He stated the letter drive had begun

and they were already seeing returns from that. Also, the guys were going to be doing hydro testing for the year.

**Road Report:** Councilperson Massey stated the Council may need to set up a meeting with Ricky Parker and Dan Dahlke to discuss the roads. No one is happy with the way they turned out and the County agrees. Councilperson Massey stated they all need to be on the same page with the County on what to do from here regarding the roads. Councilperson Bowman stated the tar bed wasn't thick enough and the weather did not help as well.

**Food Bank Report:** President Jim Link stated this weekend was give away weekend. He thanked Buckeye for their donation. He presented Glenn Waldrop as a new trustee on the board.

**Teen Council Report:** President Katie Whitfield was absent. Councilperson Massey stated they are going to help with the book sale Saturday. The kids are in final week.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge updated the Council regarding the generator for the city hall and storm shelter. The City was able to contract with the engineer for generator specs and James Chapman with Argo Air was assisting the engineer with getting information for the heating and air units.

Mayor Bradley stated the City received roof estimates now from Good Game and Right Choice Roofing. Councilperson Massey believed the estimates were not alike and could not be compared properly. There was general conversation on how vague Right Choice Roofing estimates were and what repairs needed to be made to the city hall roof. Attorney Brunson suggested the clerk email Right Choice Roofing to let them know the Council could not consider their estimate until the scope of work was clearly spelled out like the other estimate to be fair. Mayor Bradley stated they would give them two more weeks to get an updated estimate in and readdress the issue. Councilperson Massey motioned to table the roof estimates for the next meeting. 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.

Mayor Bradley readdressed the dog catching equipment and costs, totaling \$515.90. Councilperson Brown motioned to approve the expenditure of \$515.90 for dog catching equipment. Councilperson Massey seconded the motion and asked what fund it would come from. The Clerk agreed it could come from the PD Equipment Fund; however, later it was agreed that Judge Chamblee would allow it to come from Court. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Bowman-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Bradley stated Leslie Childs is trying assist in getting donations for the Park and any other city needs. She would like to get some food trucks to come to Argo with the intent on giving a portion of the proceeds to the Park Fund. Mrs. Childs was asking if the trucks could be exempt from purchasing Business Licenses as long as they were participating in donating funds. Mayor Bradley explained the trucks would not be set up in front or near Argo's restaurants or store fronts. Kona Ice would be at the book sale and donate 10%. Mayor Bradley made clear

that if any food truck did not donate a percentage, then they would be required to buy a business license like normal. Councilperson Massey motioned to waive the business license fee for food trucks participating in donating to the city. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge 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.

Mayor Bradley discussed the potholes at 8885 Gadsden Hwy property. She stated there has not been any written notification given to the city about this issue as the lease states is required. The lessee has contacted Councilperson Massey regarding the issue and Darrell Glass has looked at the potholes in the parking area. Mayor Bradley stated Darrell could patch the holes, but it would not last because that is where the water drains. She asked for any suggestions from the Council. Councilperson Massey stated the lessee had put gravel in the holes and the council could address it again once the gravel wears down. Attorney Brunson stated that would be a good approach to the situation and pending his review of the current lease and recent developments, he would advise the council next meeting. Councilperson Bowman agreed also any issues the lessee has needed to be in writing. There was conversation regarding the roof for 8885 property as well. Right Choice Roofing has come out to look at it, but the City had not received an estimate for that as well. Further discussion was held on being notified by the lessee about these issues in writing and the two payments that was turned in for the past two months. Attorney Brunson recommended the city needed to be in strict compliance with the current lease since the lessee has not signed the new one, in case the City has to take certain actions.

**City Attorney Report:** Attorney Brunson updated the council on the Moses case, which was still looking positive. He also stated there had been several appeals that have gone from city court to circuit court. So far those have been satisfactory.

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Bradley let the Council know City Hall would be closed Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for required Magistrate training. It is once a year and both clerks are required to attend.

Mayor Bradley reminded everyone of the book sale May 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm. Kona Ice will be set up there as well and possibly Southland.

She also asked everyone to keep Chief Downing in their prayers since he had major surgery on the tendon in his heel. He will be off possibly 4 to 6 weeks.

The Mayor notified the Council the City has received the Best Insurance invoice for \$46,434.00. The Council budgeted \$48,000 for the year.

Mayor Bradley asked the council to reschedule the Council meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup>, since that was a holiday to Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Everyone agreed that would work. Councilperson Brown motioned to move the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting in May to Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge 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.

Mayor Bradley discussed the vandalism happening at the Pavilion. She has asked Darrell to keep the doors locked to the bathrooms and only open them when city hall is open. Discussion

was held on adding more cameras to the Pavilion to see who is going in and out of those bathrooms. Mayor Bradley stated she would speak with Tony Mareno on the details of what the City would need and check into it to bring back to the council next meeting. The Police and Fire are currently trying to keep an eye on the park. If the Council didn't have any objections, she will look into this.

Also, Mayor Bradley stated the city has had to order several signs, street and stop signs, due to people stealing them which could hinder first responders.

**Council Comments:** Councilperson Brown stated she still needed volunteers for Friday to move books down to the mini storage; also, during Saturday.

She stated the Park sign is ready, but she still needs to get the post and concrete. Councilperson Brown plans to get the sign up before school is out.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge stated it was National Police Week and to keep all the officers in your thoughts.

Councilperson Massey said he would contact Dan Dahlke about the roads and set up a meeting.

Mayor Bradley mentioned ALDOT came out with their list of repairs for this next year and Argo is not on it. The Clerk has sent another email to Mr. Leonard with ALDOT regarding the 148 exit being too short and has gotten no response yet. She stated it has been at least two years the city has been trying to get help with this issue and they are still waiting for a response.

**Public Comments:** None

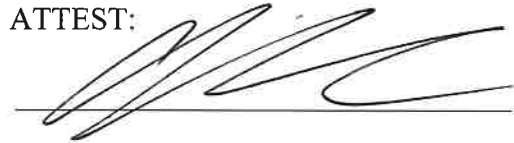
Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge motioned to adjourn. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Bowman-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Casie Bethune, City Clerk