

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 05-28-19
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: Municipal Complex
Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Ann Cowan
Councilperson Ronnie Bowman
Councilperson Corky Massey
Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge
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.

Mayor Bradley stated the councilperson Justin Carter from Margaret will be skipped until later in the meeting when he arrives.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve minutes from 04/22/2019. 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.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve minutes from 05/13/2019. 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 Betty Bradley moved ahead to item# 10 on the agenda, Cameras for the Pavilion Area. Discussion was held on details of the type of hi-def camera needed for the park along with signage and how it would benefit the city to stop vandals. He provided the council with an estimate for two cameras at \$675.96. It was discussed using cable the city already has to save on extra costs that will run through the building. Tony Mareno offered to run the cable for the city.

Councilperson Brown motioned to allow Tony Mareno to purchase and install the cameras. 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.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge updated the Council on the Storm Shelter. The City has received the first bill. He has also received all the information on the air and heater systems from James Chapman and has passed it along to the engineer. It was also discussed the ADEM permit could be closed out as soon as the Storm Shelter is completed, but so far the city has been receiving good reports there.

Mayor Bradley discussed Katie Ln with the council. The City did receive word that FEMA would not send any more funds for this improved project; however, the city could add funds of their own if possible. Mayor Bradley asked the road commissioners to look at Katie Ln to see what can be done. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge asked if the improved scope of work that AEMA has now added to the project can be deviated from due to high costs. Attorney Brunson stated the city could in fact deviate from the exact scope of work. The Council agreed the city didn't have all the funds to spend on this project, but a few councilmembers would look at Katie Ln to see what could be done with new estimates. Further discussion was held on how much funds were left from FEMA. Mayor Bradley asked the councilmembers working on Katie Ln to have some bids and report back in a month.

There was general conversation on the roof estimates received by the city and why the bids were not similar scopes of work. The Council wanted to see the same scope to better get an idea of pricing. There was also concern since the estimates were so different, there was not a way to really know what needs to be fixed. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge suggested getting an architect to inspect the roof and draw up specifications for all the roofing companies to go by. Attorney Brunson stated he knew someone that could do that for the city at a reasonable price. The majority stated they would feel more comfortable with comparable estimates.

Councilperson Massey motioned to authorize Attorney Brunson to hire an inspector to draw up specifications. 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.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve the "Back-to-School" Sales Tax Holiday for July 19-21, 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.

Mayor Report: Mayor Bradley thanked all the people that assisted with the Book Sale. Councilperson Brown stated they made \$331.00 and she would like to purchase more children's books with these funds. They would like to have another sale in the fall.

Mayor Bradley reminded the Council that City hall would be closed June 7th due mandatory magistrate training for both clerks.

Mayor Bradley discussed the 8885 property. The city has not received any word from the lessee. The City is supposed to have an updated certificate of insurance and they have not received that either. Mayor Bradley has sent out a letter regarding this issue as well as the garbage around the pavilion area and the lease. It was agreed the city needs to be covered and a certificate of

insurance needs to be supplied. Councilperson Massey stated he would speak to the lessee about it. Attorney Brunson stated his recommendation to the city would change on their course of action without a certificate of insurance, because of the liability to the city if someone was hurt on the property.

Mayor Bradley stated there will be and Opioid Crisis Meeting at the Trussville Civic Center on June 4th, 2019. Attorney Brunson stated the city is participating in the opioid litigation.

Council Comments: Councilperson Brown stated she was planning another Clean Up Day on June 15th. She will remind everyone next meeting as well and asked for volunteers on Saturday from 9am to 12pm.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge asked if Advance Disposal was going to give out coupons like they used or if it was not included in the contract. Mayor Bradley did not remember anything about coupons, but she stated they had recently been bought out. A representative from Waste Management came to get a copy of the contract with Advance Disposal and the clerk gave them what the city had. Mayor Bradley asked Attorney Brunson if he was able to get a copy from Advance Disposal. He stated he was not able to because Gentry Shows had retired and they are unable to locate it at this time; however, from the emails and documentation of the terms of agreement, he feels confident there will be no issues with the contract in the future. It was discussed some citizens have had issues with Advance not picking up debris like it's stated in the contract. They were trying to find out if that service was being discontinued. There has been no word as of yet. Further discussion was held on rates and what services were included in the contract.

Councilperson Justin Carter with Margaret's City Council spoke about getting the neighboring communities together for a Fourth of July event. He was working to have a firework show on June 29th, held in Margaret. There was discussion about costs. He estimated around \$2500, but he was working on getting businesses involved to sponsor it. A few Argo businesses might want to assist as well. Further discussion was held on a licensed person to handle the show for liability purposes.

Councilperson Massey motioned to endorse Argo/Margaret Fourth of July Firework Show with business sponsors, pending acquiring insurance certification for whoever handles the event. 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.

Public Comments: None

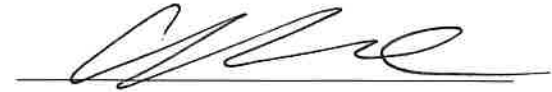
Councilperson Massey motioned to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Bowman-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Casie Bethune, City Clerk