

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 06-10-19
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 arrived at 6:16pm
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.

Police Report: Sgt. Alan Busler gave the monthly report. Sgt. Busler went over with the Council the new PD step raises they wish to implement for future employees. It would depend on the persons qualifications as to which step the new hire would be placed at. This would prevent any new hires starting at the same or similar pay as an officer that has worked for multiple years. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge asked if this would affect the budget. Sgt. Busler stated it wouldn't go into effect until next year.

Councilperson Brown arrived at 6:16pm.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge motioned to implement the step raises for the police department. 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.

There was discussion on the 2020 Census and how important it is that everyone be counted. This could impact the outcome of grants for the city.

Fire Report: Interim Chief Scott Payne gave the monthly report. The letter drive has been sent and waiting on donations. The department has accrued one new volunteer that has passed the EMT program and licensed now. Also, the hydrants around the city were being painted and tested.

Road Report: There was discussion on Katie Lane and the improved project version #1 from EMA that needs approval from the council.

Councilperson Massey motioned to suspend the rules and add Katie Ln to the agenda. 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 improved project on Katie Lane to FEMA. 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 stated he would be able to get concrete barricades for free from Bessemer where the storm shelter is being put together and those could be used potentially as a headwall on Katie Lane. The other council members agreed that could possibly work. Further discussion was held on how to use them on the bridge. Councilperson Massey stated he would go tomorrow to see if there were any available the city could have.

Councilperson Massey discussed a citizen, Chuck Michaels, calling in regards to tree limbs hanging over onto the road. It is all on the citizen's property and therefore there is nothing the city can do to assist him. He also contacted the County and Trussville Utilities. They are unable to assist him as well.

Mayor Bradley brought up trees and shrubs on Roulain Rd that need cutting back that is the city's responsibility. Councilperson Bowman added Cedar Creek and Tom L. Smith in need of cutting as well. Citizen commented Will Keith needs it also. Councilperson Massey stated he would contact Dan Dahlke with the County to see if they will be able to handle that for the city and how much the cost would be.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge stated he spoke with Dan Dahlke regarding Hwy 11 and they would like to set up a meeting to discuss funding for that project. Also, he would like to discuss the roads that were tar and graveled in Argo. Councilperson Massey confirmed Mr. Dahlke wanted to set up a meeting. The Council agreed to try to set one for an upcoming Friday at 9am.

Food Bank Report: Jim Link was absent

Teen Council Report: Katie Whitfield was absent

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge updated the council on the storm shelter. All documents and information have been passed to the engineer to do the specifications on the generator.

Councilperson Massey stated the city needed to send a letter to Moody Gusc requesting they waive any impact fees for the storm shelter.

City Attorney Report: Attorney Brunson stated he had someone coming tomorrow to look at the city hall roof for specifications on that. He updated the council on the Moses case. There will be depositions from former officers, and he would arrange one after Chief Downing gets better for him. Attorney Brunson is coordinating all these through the insurance council.

Mayor Report: Mayor Bradley discussed the 8885 lease. He still has not provided certificate of insurance yet. Councilperson Massey stated he spoke with the lessee and he will send one soon. Mayor Bradley also stated the debris was still not removed from the property and the lease has not been signed.

Mayor Bradley asked Councilperson Brown to go over the breakdown of the playground equipment estimate.

Council Comments: First, Councilperson Brown reminded everyone of the second Cleanup Day this Saturday at 8am – 11am.

Councilperson Massey stated he also gave away two more loads of the topsoil for \$500.00 donations to the swing fund. That brings the total donations from Councilperson Massey up to \$1250.00 so far. Councilperson Brown stated with the other donations, there is \$5,550.00 in the park fund for swings.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge further discussed the 8885 lessee. There was general conversation regarding steps to take if he does not provide insurance. Mayor Pro-Tem stated if the lessee is having issues, then the city might could assist him if he would notify the council of those problems. Mayor Bradley asked Councilperson Massey to let the lessee know to bring a letter forth if he is having any issues with the property; also, of any changes made which has not been done in the past. Councilperson Bowman suggested inspecting the property every six months. Councilperson Massey stated he would speak to the lessee and report back next meeting.

Councilperson Brown went over the figures for the swings. She stated the plan is to purchase a six-swing assembly for the playground at \$11,513.56 with a \$950.00 charge for a supervisor, totaling \$12,463.50. This would also require 8-10 volunteers for the installation. Discussion was held on the previous option of a four-swing instead. Also, what types of swings would be purchased and making them ADA compliant if a handicapped swing is purchased. Councilperson Cowan asked if any other estimates were provided. Councilperson Brown stated there wasn't since this was the company, Hammill Recreation, that originally installed the playground equipment at a good deal. Mayor Bradley asked if Councilperson Brown would bring a four-swing option to the next meeting. There was further discussion on ADA compliance and the liability to the city. The majority of the Council agreed it would be best to get a couple more estimates. Also, Councilperson Massey inquired about the state bid list for swings. He asked Sgt. Busler if he would check the bid list since he was familiar with it.

Public Comments: None

Councilperson Massey motioned to adjourn. 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.

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