

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 06-24-19
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: Municipal Complex
Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Ann Cowan
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.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve minutes from 05/28/2019. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Bowman-absent, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge updated the council on the storm shelter. He has been in contact with the consultant on the size generator and next council meeting he should have paperwork ready to show the council. Discussion was held on the storm shelter being put together soon off site and potentially getting prices on the water and sewer line to connect the shelter.

Attorney Brunson stated Brad Watson, the Leeds inspector, came out to look at the city hall roof. He shared all the estimates the city had received so far, and the inspector recommended Good Game's estimate Option #2 to repair the existing roof. Attorney Brunson had no issues agreeing with that recommendation. Further conversation was held on whether it needed to be bid out. It was under the bid law. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge motioned to accept the recommendation to allow Good Game to repair the city hall roof and expend up to \$36,000 coming from the Capital Improvement fund. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Bowman-absent, Massey-abstain, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Bradley read the letter from St. Clair County Leadership. It states the County is trying to start up a leadership program for young adults. They are requesting donations to assist with this program. The City has not budgeted for this expense. It was discussed getting sponsors and

other donors to assist.

Mayor Bradley asked the council if they would allow city hall to close Friday, July 5th due to the holiday weekend. All state facilities will be closed for this extra day as well apart from 1st responders. Councilperson Massey motioned to close city hall July 5th. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Bowman-absent, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

There was general conversation of when to hold this year's Christmas Parade and coordinating with neighboring communities. Mayor Bradley asked if Councilperson Massey would assist in handling this again. Councilperson Massey motioned to hold Argo's Christmas parade on Dec. 7th, 2019 in coordination with Margaret and Springville with the 14th being a rain date the following weekend. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Bowman-absent, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Report: Mayor Bradley discussed the 8885 property. Councilperson Massey provided a copy of the certificate of insurance from the lessee. Attorney Brunson stated the limits were sufficient on the insurance but would like more clarification on the City being listed on there as well. Attorney stated if authorized by the lessee to contact his insurance, he will get confirmation for the City.

Mayor Bradley thanked Councilperson Brown and all those who assisted for the second City Cleanup Day.

Councilperson Brown provided the Council with a break down of the swing estimate for the Park from Hammill Recreation. She went over each figure for four swings, equipment and installation totaling \$9,734.64. The Council further discussed in more detail of what types of swings and equipment the estimate entails. Mayor Bradley asked if Councilperson Brown had any other bids. Councilperson Brown stated she did not due to the fact the current bid was from the State Bid List and the state is satisfied the Hammill Recreation bid is the lowest for what the City is asking for. Discussion was held on funds for the swings, getting donations and a possible grant to assist.

Mayor Bradley discussed getting the Council's permission to apply for grants for the park and other funding to assist with the generator for the storm shelter. Councilperson Massey motioned to allow the Mayor to apply for grants. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Bowman-absent, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-abstain. Motion carried.

Mayor Bradley asked about the estimates for cutting back some of Argo's roads. Councilperson Massey stated he spoke with Dan Dahlke and he is supposed to come to the area soon. Discussion was held on contracting with the County on that issue.

Councilperson Massey inquired about the meeting with the County. Mayor Bradley stated the

letter had been sent out, and they were working currently on finding a date everyone could meet on.

Councilperson Massey stated he did go to Bessemer to collect the stacking blocks for Katie Lane. He suggested making the use of the blocks a bid requirement and having specifications for the project. It was discussed getting Dan Dahlke to draw up specs before bidding the project out again and seeing if the blocks were feasible. Councilperson Massey will report back at the next meeting on this matter.

Mayor Bradley discussed the issues with Windstream around the City and the petition for Spectrum (Charter) to expand more in the Argo area. The City has also sent a letter to Spectrum requesting a representative to come to a town hall meeting.

Mayor Bradley asked everyone to keep the Echols family in their prayers, as they mourn the loss of the Springville fireman.

Mayor Bradley read Councilperson Bowman's resignation letter aloud. Mayor Bradley asked if the council would add this to the agenda in order to accept his resignation. The letter was not signed, but the City Clerk confirmed it was dropped off by the Council member. Councilperson Massey motioned to suspend the rules to add Councilperson Bowman to the agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Bowman-absent, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Massey motioned to accept Councilperson Ronnie Bowman's resignation from seat #2. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Bowman-absent, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Bradley inquired about filling the seat since the new term is only a year away and getting letters of interest. Attorney Brunson stated the city would need to appoint someone. He stated it could be put on the agenda for next meeting.

Council Comments: Councilperson Brown stated if citizens were also having issues with their internet services, they should try replacing the modem. She found her service to be better after replacing her old one.

Public Comments: Michelle Coalson thanked the fire department for assisting her with her grandchild that injured her head.

Mayor Bradley also thanked Councilperson Bowman for the time he put in for the City. Everyone agreed.

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