

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 07-08-19
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: Municipal Complex
Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Ann Cowan
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 06/10/2019. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-absent, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve minutes from 06/24/2019. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-absent, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Police Report: Captain Glenn Wells gave the monthly report. Wells introduced the new hired officer, Abeni Barrett, that will be sent to the academy. He also reported Chief Downing has returned to work.

Fire Report: Interim Scott Payne gave the monthly report. He reported the first draft of his 2019 – 2020 Budget has been completed.

Road Report: Councilperson Massey stated he had contacted Dan Dahlke with the County regarding the roads that need trimming and they would help the city with them. Councilperson Massey suggested getting a list of the worst ones. Discussion was held on contacting the County about meeting with the commissioners. They have not been able to set anything up. The Clerk will reach out to the County again to see about adding Argo to the agenda.

Food Bank Report: Jim Link had nothing to report.

Teen Council Report: Katie Whitfield stated the Teen Council wanted to host the National Night Out again for the City of Argo on August 10th, at city hall. They would like it to be similar to last year, but they would need to raise more funds for the event. There will be two new students interested in Teen Council for the upcoming election.

Mayor Bradley stated there was nothing new to report for the Storm Shelter, except the size generator the city would need for both the shelter and city hall is going to be expensive. They would further discuss options at the next meeting when Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge could attend to give more details.

The Council discussed the vacancy of council seat #2. Councilperson Massey asked if it was necessary to fill it since the election was next year. Attorney Brunson explained since it was a year out the council could leave the seat vacant if they wished. There was concern regarding voting on the issue until Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge returned. Attorney Brunson stated the seat could still be declared vacant, and the council could then decide whether to appoint a person or leave it, at a future date. Mayor Bradley stated it must be decided soon because the Council only had 60 days to decide and several council members were going on vacation.

Councilperson Brown motioned to declare Council Seat #2 vacant. Councilperson Massey seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-absent, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Attorney Brunson stated at this point the seat could remain vacant or be filled by nomination or application and a vote. Further discussion was held on what next steps to take. The Council agreed to meet again Wednesday, July 10, 2019 to decide how to proceed when Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge could be present as well. Councilperson Massey motioned to have a special called meeting July 10th, 2019 with the approval of Tony Alldredge. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-absent, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

City Attorney Report: Attorney Brunson reported he was working with council and insurance, AMIC, on scheduling depositions for the Moses case.

Mayor Report: Mayor Bradley asked about Katie Lane. Councilperson Massey stated he hauled another 100 concrete blocks for Katie Lane. He has spoken with Dan Dahlke regarding using them. It was agreed the blocks would work well and Mr. Dahlke would be drawing up some specifications for businesses to bid on.

Mayor Bradley reported the person from Good Game that bid on the city hall roof is no longer with the company. The Clerk has sent all the information to another representative; however, there is no start date at this time. Councilperson Massey stated he would call to find out a time frame.

Mayor Bradley stated that both Fire and Police Departments have turned in their budgets and soon the Council will be able to start gathering for budget meetings.

Council Comments: Councilperson Massey stated he has hauled two more loads of topsoil for the park donations. He is one load away from reaching the two-thousand-dollar goal.

Public Comments: None

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

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Casie Bethune, City Clerk