

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 07-22-19

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Municipal Complex

**Regular Meeting**

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Ann Cowan

Councilperson Corky Massey

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge

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.

Chief James Downing gave the invocation.

Mayor Bradley opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve the minutes for 07/08/2019 with correction to the location of the Katie Lane blocks. Councilperson Cowan seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-abstain, Brown-absent, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge updated the council on the storm shelter. He stated they have received the electrical plans for the generator, and it would be a 125k or 150k generator needed. He discussed the details of what size load the generator could handle and adding a storm shelter for the generator, suggested by the engineer. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge did not think that would be necessary. He suggested adding it as an alternate and not be part of the base bid if feasible. Further discussion was held on the possibility of having power directly linked to the shelter instead of going through city hall first. Mayor Bradley asked Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge to inquire about these issues and report back next meeting. It was also discussed whether having two smaller generators would be more cost effective. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge stated he would ask the engineer, but the city would have to pay a fee for new plans if that is the direction they go in.

Chief James Downing and Captain Glenn Wells presented Sgt. Busler and Officer Benefield with plaques in recognition of excellence for apprehending a dangerous fleeing felon on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Captain Wells read aloud a letter of appreciation to the officers.

Mayor Bradley discussed with the Council compensating Tony Mareno for the labor put in to installing the cameras for the city. He worked several days in summer heat and hours after his

shifts on this issue. Councilperson Massey motioned to pay Tony Mareno \$1000.00 for the labor installing cameras for the city. Councilperson Cowan seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-absent, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Interim Chief Scott Payne requested to be added to the agenda. Councilperson Massey motioned to suspend the rules and add Chief Payne to the agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-absent, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Interim Chief Scott Payne requested the hiring of Stephen Nabors. This hire would be the replacement for part time fireman, Jeffery Otwell and no training would be necessary. Councilperson Massey motioned to allow Chief Payne to hire Stephen Nabors. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-absent, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Bradley discussed the roads needing to be cut down: Argo-Margaret, Will Keith, Honor Keith, Roulain Rd, Cedar Creek and Seminole. Possibly Venable needs to be cut as well. Councilperson Massey stated he was meeting with Dan Dahlke about Katie Lane and would discuss those roads as well.

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Bradley reminded everyone of the National Night Out event by the Teen Council coming up August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

She stated Tony Mareno replaced the hard drive for the cameras as well and it cost \$60.00.

The new PD Vehicle has arrived, and they are working on getting it outfitted.

Mayor Bradley discussed a sound system for the council meetings. Tony Mareno had suggested a Bluetooth system to assist with the sound on videos of the council meetings. Also, new microphones for the council if they are not working properly. She would like to check into getting the Bluetooth system, that would not be costly for the city.

**Council Comments:** Councilperson Massey stated he was still short one load of topsoil but has a person that wants to purchase it for the Park swings.

City Clerk Bethune stated the 8885 lessee had come by city hall and paid up through the month of August on his rent.

Attorney Johnny Brunson stated the previous court was extremely busy and praised the clerks, police officers and other staff on a job well done. Attorney Brunson stated he wanted to get with the police department on changes in the law recently. He also praised the police department.

**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, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-absent, 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