

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 08-12-19
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 Brown motioned to approve special called meeting minutes from 07/10/2019 and 07/15/2019. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve the minutes from 07/22/2019 with correction of Chief Downing giving the invocation. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-abstain, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Speaker John Smith with Civil Consultants, Inc discussed a new grant program, ATRIP II, administered though ALDOT with no local match required. Due to the competitive nature of the program it is recommended to put up 15% local funds for the projects. It was discussed allowing him to submit an application regarding I-59 exit off ramp, adding a turn lane and adding an acceleration lane on Argo Parkway. The initial application and repackage fee would cost the city \$4000.00. Councilperson Massey motioned to pay CCI \$4000.00 to submit the grant application to ALDOT. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried. There was discussion taking the funds from 4 cent or 7 cent since this would be for the roads. Mr. Smith stated CCI would also check into the utilities for the project as a part of their fee.

There was general conversation on the amount to ask the County for to go towards the ATRIP II grant. Councilperson Massey motioned to ask the County for \$50,000 as a part of the local match. Councilperson Cowan seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Police Report: Chief James Downing gave the monthly report. Chief Downing requested his sick and vacation hours back from his injury that occurred on city property totaling 8 weeks. He did not file a claim with worker's compensation because he did not want the city's insurance to increase. However, he did notify the Mayor at the time of the injury. Attorney Brunson stated it would be at the city's discretion to give the time back. There was discussion on having guidelines for the city regarding injuries on city property and recording the incident even if there is no claim to workers comp. Attorney Brunson stated he would see if there are any current policies in place. He recommended the council consider the Chief's request particularly since it is not a monetary compensation.

Councilperson Massey requested they go into executive session. Attorney Brunson stated the council could under the Alabama Sunshine Law for purposes of pending or potential litigation. Councilperson Massey motioned to go into executive session. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Massey motioned to table the discussion of Chief Downing's time until the next meeting. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Chief Downing asked the council if they would approve outfitting the new truck recently purchased. The estimate totaled \$6,590.00. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge motioned to approve outfitting the police truck for the estimated price of \$6,600.00. Councilperson Massey seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Fire Report: Fireman Hunter Songer gave the monthly report. He stated they would like to hire part timer Brian Bonner to replace the fireman that left.

Councilperson Massey motioned to allow the fire department to hire the new person. Councilperson Cowan seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Road Report: Councilperson Massey stated he met with Dan Dahlke again regarding Katie Lane. The bid specs will be done by the following day with two drawn options. The Council discussed the list of roads that needed to be cut down by the county. Argo-Margaret Rd, Will Keith, Honor Keith, Roulain Rd, Cedar Creek, Seminole and Venable.

Food Bank Report: Jim Link reported the weekend give out was going to be 10am – 11am.

Teen Council Report: President Katie Whitfield discussed the success of the National Night Out. Also, she informed the council they currently have seventeen members now on the Teen Council. Isaiah Moore was elected as the new president and will be taking over from now on. They stated they will be selling shirts once again soon for fund raising.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge updated the council on the Storm Shelter and generators. There was general discussion having two generators versus one and an enclosure for it. The cost of each generator is estimated between \$37,000 and \$45,000. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge also stated the Council needed to focus on parking and utilities for the storm shelter area and getting bids for those. He stated the council has an option to pay someone to put together a bid package or bid each out separately themselves. There was further conversation regarding the sewer system for the shelter. Councilperson Massey stated he would contact Trussville Utilities. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge ask the shelter be tabled until the following meeting where they can come up with estimates for the utilities.

Councilperson Massey updated the council on Katie Lane and using the blocks he has collected. He spoke with Dah Dahlke regarding the project and he estimates it will cost for the pipe and riprap \$15k to \$20k. Dan Dahlke has drawn up bid specs the City can use for the project. Councilperson Massey stated he would have them for next meeting.

Mayor Bradley read aloud the Census Resolution No. 2019-08-12 regarding the support and dissemination of all Census information for the 2020 year. Councilperson Massey motioned to pass the Census Resolution. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Attorney Brunson went over with the Council the new Gas Tax increases allocated to road improvements. He advised the council to consider a resolution regarding a transportation plan for where the funds would be used. Attorney Brunson stated this resolution could be brought back up at the next meeting, but the council should contemplate what roads these funds could be used for. Mayor Bradley stated the resolution could also state the funds can accrue in the account and not be spent until the next fiscal year. Further discussion was held on road projects and how the city could use these increased gas taxes or with municipal bonds. Attorney Brunson went into more detail on how the city could use bonds for roads in the future as an option as well. Mayor Bradley reminded the council the resolution is due at the end of the month and they need to make a decision at the next meeting. Attorney Brunson stated the resolution was simply a plan of action and if the council changes their mind at a later date, they would only need to approve a new resolution.

City Attorney Report: Attorney Brunson reported he spoke to the Chief regarding Glasscox case. He also met with the police department.

Mayor Report: Mayor Bradley reminded everyone the Budget meeting will be held the following evening.

The City Clerk will be on vacation 21st through 27th.

Labor Day September 2nd, City Hall will be closed.

Mayor Bradley stated Good Game is currently working on the roof.

Mayor Bradley thanked all departments, council, teen council and citizens that helped with National Night Out.

Council Comments: Councilperson Massey praised the teen council for helping.

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-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Casie Bethune, City Clerk