

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 11-12-19
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: Municipal Complex
Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Ann Cowan
Councilperson Corky Massey
Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge
Councilperson Ann Brown (arrived at 6:07pm)
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.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve minutes from 08/26/2019 & 09/09/2019.
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.

Councilperson Brown arrived.

Police Report: Chief James Downing gave the monthly report. He discussed sending a police car to Argo Parkway with Darrell Glass to patch the holes in front of Jacks for safety reasons. The Mayor and Council further discussed why the city could not pave it and they are currently working with the State and County on fixing the road. Councilperson Massey stated the city did not want to take responsibility for the road.

Chief Downing stated also the reserve, Jake Schramm, will be sent to the Academy in January so the city will have two officers that will be required to stay for two years. Officer Barrett will graduate tomorrow.

Fire Report: Fireman Andy Griffith gave the monthly report.

Road Report: Councilperson Massey stated Katie Lane was almost complete. He discussed the extra blocks and reinforcement wire added to the project. Harrison Builders would be finished with the bridge tomorrow or the following day. Councilperson Massey did receive the invoice from Harrison totaling \$29,687.00 which the council had already approved.

Councilperson Massey discussed Trussville Utilities resurfacing John Owens and Venable Road. Massey Paving LLC was the low bidder for the project. Attorney Barnett stated there were no issues since it was a job with Trussville Utilities and not the city.

There was further discussion on Katie Lane and whether FEMA needed to do an inspection for the grant. The City Clerk will email FEMA to find out if there needs to be any inspection done before the grant is closed out.

Mayor Bradley alerted the council the mower on the tractor has fallen off. Ryan Carroll examined it for the city and suggested Fouts Tractor. Fouts carries an attachment for that specific tractor that could be used for mowing as well as cutting the sides of the road. Mayor Bradley stated she would like to get a salesperson to come to a council meeting to explain what the city would need, with the council's approval. There was general conversation regarding possibly having two attachments if the one could do cut both the grass and sides of the road; and, having the salesperson look at the tractor as well.

Food Bank Report: Jim Link reported this was their Thanksgiving giveaway weekend and they will be handing out turkeys.

Teen Council Report: Isaiah Moore stated they were selling shirts, \$15 for short sleeve and \$20 for long sleeve shirts. They will get a \$5.00 profit from each shirt sold. He introduced Shannon Lee as the vice president. He reminded everyone Nov. 29th, Black Friday yard sale for Christmas for Kids. It will be from 9am to sometime afternoon. The council discussed the Teen Council helping with the Christmas Parade and the Food Bank on Saturday with the giveaway.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge stated the plumber, Kris n Co, will be coming soon to work on the storm shelter.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge went over the estimates for a generator with the council. Both companies had multiple bids, however, the higher estimates were closer to the specs for the storm shelter. One from Midsouth with a 12kw generator for \$8400 and Auxiliary Power with a 13kw generator for \$8061 including a pad. There was general conversation on which company to use and details on what was needed to be done with power supply for the installation. Councilperson Massey stated he didn't need to vote since he is Midsouth's landlord.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge motioned to accept Auxiliary Power Systems estimate and allowing funds up to \$9000.00 for the generator, with installation and the connection of power. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-abstain, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge updated everyone on the paving for the storm shelter. He was working on getting square footage for the concrete for his contact.

There was further conversation regarding getting enough gas to the generator. Councilperson Massey stated Brian Smith with Trussville Utilities will assist if they have to run it from in front of the building.

The Mayor went over the School Proclamation in support of access to all options of education possible for children in the community. Some Council members wanted more time to read over the proclamation. The subject was tabled, and no vote was taken.

City Attorney Report: Attorney Barnett reported they were still working on the opioid case for the city and had no further updates for the council.

Mayor Report: Mayor Bradley reminded the council of the deadline for a salary change for Mayor and Council is coming up soon. Councilperson Massey stated he would like to leave it how it is. Councilperson Brown asked to put it off until the next meeting to think it over.

Mayor Bradley stated the clerks had not heard anything from the State regarding the vacant council seat, but she had received a call. The County has agreed it best to leave the seat vacant until the next election.

Mayor Bradley went over again when the Black Friday Teen Council yard sale would be.

The Mayor asked about the Christmas for Kids applications. The city has received three so far. The cutoff is November 30th and gifts for the children will be given out the following week after the parade. The Teen Council stated they would like to assist with the give out this year. The Food Bank will be assisting as well with boxes to give to the families. The council further discussed volunteers and where to submit donations.

Mayor Bradley stated the Christmas Parade was on Dec. 7th. There was discussion getting copies of an application for that as well.

Mayor Bradley stated the Christmas Party was going to be on, Friday, Dec. 13th and asked the Council if they would consider closing City Hall at noon for the employees to have time to prepare for the party. Only essential personnel would need to stay. Councilperson Massey motioned to allow city hall to close at 12pm on Dec. 13th for the Christmas Party. 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.

Mayor Bradley went over again Fouts Tractor will be coming to a council meeting to discuss the tractor.

Council Comments: Councilperson Massey stated he knew someone with John Deer that might be able to come as well regarding the tractor piece.

Mayor Bradley informed the council the Wi-Fi has been updated. Tony Mareno was finishing setting it up, but the public access would be separate from the city.

Also, the heater in the court room quit working. Mayor Bradley stated James Chapman was able to fix the issue and get it working again.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge asked about the truck for the Fire Department. Andy Griffith stated

they were still working on it. Once they do order the truck it will take 4 to 6 months to come in.

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

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Betty Bradley", is written over a horizontal line.

Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Casie Bethune", is written over a horizontal line.

Casie Bethune, City Clerk