

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 10-28-19  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Place: Municipal Complex  
**Regular Meeting**

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Ann Cowan  
Councilperson Corky Massey (left at 6:04pm)  
Mayor Pro-Tem Tony Alldredge (arrived at 6:02pm)  
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.

Attorney Brunson asked the minutes reflect Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge arriving at 6:02pm and Councilperson Massey leaving at 6:04pm. The Council still has a quorum to proceed with the meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge stated the Auxiliary Power Systems to date is the only estimate received for a generator for the storm shelter. The estimate was for \$8,061.00 including installation. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge discussed a second estimate for a smaller generator, but stated the electrical engineer recommended the larger size. Councilperson Cowan stated Carry Nichols should be submitting an estimate for a generator for the storm shelter and city hall as well for future reference. The council agreed to wait until the next meeting to review any new estimates.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge inquired about the contract for Kris n Co. Inc. Mayor Bradley stated the contract was finished, she has signed it and it has been sent to the company.

There was general conversation regarding a transfer switch for the generator and getting the electrical hook up to the storm shelter.

Mayor Bradley informed the council the city has received another bill for the storm shelter for \$83,619.03. The Clerk has the check ready to be sent and the funds will be coming from the 610 account.

There were inquiries regarding the concrete for the storm shelter. Councilperson Cowan recommended Randall Newman.

Mayor Bradley stated the rain has stalled the progression, but they are working on Katie Lane as soon as the rain stops.

Chief James Downing explained to the council how old the current computers, walkies and radios the police have are and in need of replacing. Mayor Bradley stated the police have trouble communicating with dispatch, etc. For safety purposes for the police and citizens, they need new ones. The council only had a quote for radios, four walkie talkies and three car units. Chief Downing stated for all items are estimated \$13,000. Mayor Bradley stated the council would postpone until Chief Downing gets the quote for the computers as well.

Mayor Bradley stated due to the Clerks being off for health reasons, she would like John Songer to be sent to Magistrate school to fill in when necessary as a part time. There was discussion regarding the amount of the schooling and travel reimbursements. Mayor Bradley said it would cost around six or seven hundred dollars and would come out of the court fund. There was general conversation on approving time and travel expenses at a later date. Councilperson Brown motioned to send John Songer to magistrate school and pay the registration fee. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-absent, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Bradley informed the council Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day and City Hall will be closed. The council discussed moving the council meeting date to Tuesday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. Councilperson Brown motioned to move the meeting to Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-absent, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

**City Attorney Report:** Nothing to update the council on.

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Bradley reminded everyone of the Teen Council yard sale and book sale Black Friday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Bradley stated the Community Foundation for Greater Birmingham visited the site last week for the park and the city should know something sometime in November.

She reminded everyone of the Halloween event to meet your 1<sup>st</sup> responders and discuss the Census.

She alerted the council of the Moody Gusc rate increase to \$305. There was discussion on the pump fee and how much water city hall is using. Councilperson Brown asked if they could look at older bills to compare the water meter readings.

**Council Comments:** Councilperson Cowan inquired about the bonds for the city. Attorney Brunson stated the city has too much debt, but he is going to look into the possibility of getting a smaller bond. He further discussed measures that could be taken that has worked for other cities.

**Public Comments:** Harold Mathew spoke regarding the request for a letter from the city allowing Mathew's Manor to sell alcohol in the city limits. The ABC board has given them a clean bill of health and they would like to move forward with their license. This would help the company better control how much liquor their customers consume and was recommended by their insurance.

Councilperson Brown motioned to add Mathew's Manor to the agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-absent, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve to apply for a liquor license to the ABC Board. Councilperson Cowan seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-absent, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Chief Downing provided the accurate figures for the requested equipment. Three computers and Bluetooth printers from Dell for \$5300 with installation and \$6222 for the radios and walkies. There was discussion approving funds up to \$13,000 to make sure it is all covered. Only computers were in the recently passed budget for the PD Equipment fund, so the council decided to vote for all items. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge motioned to approve up to \$13,500 for computers, radios and walkies. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-absent, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

There was further conversation regarding the water and sewer bills for the city.

Councilperson Brown asked about the vacant seat for the council. The Clerk stated she had not received anything from the County.

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

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Casie Bethune, City Clerk