

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 12-09-19
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.

Kris n Co spoke regarding the pipes left sticking up from installing plumbing for the Storm Shelter. He explained to the council he could cut them now, except the one near the storm shelter. Councilperson Massey stated the ground needed to settle around them first and he could put caution barrels on top so they will be visible for traffic.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve minutes from 10/14/2019. 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 Brown motioned to approve minutes from 10/28/2019 with correction to adjourning vote. Mayor -Pro Tem Alldredge seconded the vote. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-abstain, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Police Report: Captain Glenn Wells gave the monthly report. Councilperson Massey asked about the dog cage and striping of the F150. Brashers was behind and would contact them as soon as possible to stripe the vehicle. Mayor Bradley would ask the Chief regarding the dog equipment.

Fire Report: Lt. Andy Griffith gave the monthly report. He informed the Council they were working on getting the specs for a brush truck soon.

Road Report: Councilperson Massey stated they had finished Katie Lane, but there is some clean up to do. There was further discussion on the process of what they did to complete the project.

Food Bank Report: Jim Link was absent. Mayor Bradley stated they received a donation from Cross Point Church from the food drive.

Teen Council Report: Absent due to a Jazz concert.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge updated the council on the storm shelter. The power company is working on getting a plan to supply power to the shelter. The generator paperwork has been signed and a down payment has been made for it. They are waiting on the power company, where everything can be installed at once. Kris n Co has installed the plumbing and it has been tested. The architects can not do the inspection until there is power to the storm shelter.

The City had received three quotes for the concrete work for the Storm Shelter, \$17,000, \$12,928 and \$8,600.00 via text. There was further discussion on the details of the project and the smallest bidder lacking paperwork. His name is Charlie Rowe who works for Trussville Utilities. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge motioned to accept the smallest concrete bid pending him providing the council with proper paperwork reflecting the \$8600.00 and all work necessary for the project. 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.

The Clerk presented an amendment reflecting the addition of the day after Thanksgiving to the list of Employee Holidays. Councilperson Massey motioned to approve the amendment. 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.

Mayor Bradley stated Sgt. Busler asked about the sick time that rolls off at the end of each calendar year. They requested either allowing them to buy out that time or letting it roll over to be used towards retirement from Argo. Captain Wells stated they would like to take the cap off of sick time if possible. There was general conversation regarding not capping sick time. Attorney Brunson stated most cities do allow sick time to be carried over from year to year. There was further conversation on the officers taking sick time before the end of the year before they lose it and the city would have to pay others overtime. It was requested the council get a copy of the handbook to further research the current policy. They will address it at the next meeting.

Councilperson Massey discussed business licenses and how his business has changed over the years. RDS does not have the changes reflected in their system. Also, the company has updated their program so customers have to set up an online profile and he is unable to select the proper information. Mayor Bradley stated Tom Suggs could still accept payments for business license and then send in the updated info. There was further discussion on the information requested by RDS. The Mayor asked if Councilperson Massey could send a copy of the email he received to

Tom and the attorney so they can research and figure out what steps he needs to take to correct the issue.

Mayor Bradley asked the council to suspend the rules and add Massage Therapy discussion to the agenda. The Mayor has been approached by individuals about a Massage parlor coming to the city. Councilperson Massey motioned to suspend the rules and add Massage therapy to the agenda for discussion. 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.

Mayor Bradley stated these individuals came in to ask for a business license and contacted her to ask about policies. She is aware there have been several massage places that have been asked to vacate Trussville recently due to unlicensed therapist. Argo wants to make sure any company that comes into the city are properly licensed. Mayor Bradley spoke with Attorney Brunson and he suggested putting a moratorium in place until the city researches further into these types of businesses. Councilperson Massey stated his family member was approached about renting a space by them, but he would like to make sure it is a legit business as well. Attorney Brunson stated he drafted an ordinance that reflects a 6 months moratorium. The city could adopt a permanent ordinance at any time. This would not affect any current business in the city. He suggested they adopt this ordinance to have guidelines and standards in place for these types of businesses. Councilperson Brown is going to research other cities on this topic and report back. Attorney Brunson discussed what other restrictions cities have currently and options for Argo. Councilperson Massey motioned to adopt the Ordinance 2019-12-01. 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.

City Attorney Report: Attorney Brunson reported there has been a mediation held in the Moses case. There have been some disagreements from the plaintiff. It has moved to court of appeals and he hopes it will settle soon.

Attorney Brunson discussed how busy court was last Thursday, but everything went smoothly.

Mayor Report: The City Christmas Party will be held on December 13th at 5pm. City hall will close at noon.

Tuesday and Wednesday the 24th and 25th, city hall will be closed for Christmas holidays.

Wednesday January 1st city hall will be closed for new year.

Mayor stated the new city website went live Saturday night and requested the council look it over and send the clerk any suggestions or changes that need to be made.

The city has received a reimbursement for the storm shelter in the amount of \$95,838.00. The funds can not be put back into the 610 account. The clerk will verify with the auditor that it

needs to be placed in Capital Improvement. Mayor Bradley stated the city will still need to pay for the plumbing, generator, electrical, paving and remaining payments for the shelter. Those funds will be used towards these expenditures.

Councilperson Massey asked if the city was finished with FEMA regarding Katie Lane. The city clerk stated she just has to send an email to them letting them know the work is complete.

Council Comments: Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge asked how much funds are left to be paid for the storm shelter. The clerk stated she would check and report back at the next meeting.

Councilperson Massey stated he will bring the checks for the food bank and yard sale. The yard sale money will be split between the book fund, the food bank and Christmas for Kids.

Mayor Bradley thanked Michelle Coalson for all her hard work for Christmas for Kids. She asked if the Teen Council would come to the Christmas Party if they wished.

Councilperson Massey asked how much Christmas for Kids pays out per child. A family missed the cutoff, so he donated funds for that family.

Mayor Bradley thanked all the councilmembers that helped with the giveaway and Christmas parade.

Councilperson Brown asked how to make the check out for her yard sales. The clerk advised to make it out to the city, and she will divide it out to the individual funds.

Councilperson Brown asked if Councilperson Cowan would help her with the massage therapy research. The council have six months to get the information together and make a decision. Further discussion was held on the procedures the city needs to take regarding the moratorium.

Public Comments: None

Councilperson Brown motioned to adjourn. 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.

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Casie Bethune, City Clerk