

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 02-10-2020
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: Municipal Complex
Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Ann Cowan
Councilperson Corky Massey
Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge (arrived at 6:10pm)
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 Massey motioned to approve the council meeting minutes from 12/09/19. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-absent, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Auditor David Cork presented the council with the Fiscal year 2018-2019 audit. There was discussion on revenue and expenditures for the city this past year. The city was \$351,970 positive in revenue from last year and reduced debt by \$124,000. The Mayor asked Mr. Cork if the budgeted amount of \$13,500 for his audit fee would suffice. Mr. Cork stated that would be fine.

Police Report: Captain Glenn Wells gave the monthly report. He informed the council Officer Jake Schramm was now in the Academy.

Fire Report: Lt. Andy Griffith gave the monthly report. He asked the council to approve the hiring of Tony Nash as a part time 10 hour person to replace the one that left. This would not increase the budget. Councilperson Massey motioned to approve the hiring of Tony Nash. 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.

Road Report: Mayor Bradley thanked Councilperson Massey for working on the roads that have been washing out because of the rain as of late. Councilperson Massey stated Tom L Smith and Cedar Creek had brush blocking pipes, which he cleaned out. There was further discussion regarding several deserted houses in Argo where the driveways have been washing away.

Councilperson Massey stated Brian Smith with Trussville Utilities would check to see if they could assist the city with these issues due to the meters being near the location as well. Also, the council discussed possibly the Fire Department doing a control burn or use them for training purposes with proper permits. Councilperson Massey informed the council he finished cleaning up Katie Lane.

Food Bank Report: Jim Link was absent.

Teen Council Report: Absent.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge updated the council on the storm shelter. The parking spaces have been completed. The grading had begun and once the weather permits, it can be finished. Power Company coming soon to hook it up and then the generator and gas can be hooked up as well.

Discussion was held on the roads the County worked on for Argo. The city is still waiting for the updated invoice for the current up to date work.

Building permits are postponed until next meeting where Councilperson Massey will bring drawings.

The Council discussed the massage therapy ordinances from surrounding municipalities. Councilperson Brown stated she believed with a few changes, Trussville would be an ideal one to use. It was agreed to give the Attorney time to go over the ones provided thoroughly.

The Mayor stated the city still has not received a signed contract from Advanced Disposal. Recently they have raised the rates for commercial customers. The council discussed the possibility of rebidding the contract.

The Mayor discussed services with Charter. Citizens have requested Charter Spectrum come to different locations. Attorney Sherrer stated unfortunately the City has no control over the services they provide.

City Attorney Report: Attorney Sherrer asked the council if they wished to proceed with litigation regarding business #2690 to prevent him from doing any further business due to his refusal to cooperate. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge motioned to proceed with litigations with Business #2690. 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 Report: Mayor Bradley stated ALDOT contacted her regarding Argo Parkway/Liles Lane. They have contracted with Jefferson County to repave the section in front of Jack's. She also stated the City did not have anything to do with Councilperson Massey patching the holes prior. Mayor Bradley thanked all officials with the council, neighboring municipalities and state that helped with this issue.

The Mayor's Breakfast is on February 18th at 7:30am. Jeff Sessions will be the speaker and Massey Paving will sponsor the breakfast.

The City received the AL Power check for business licenses, \$138,802.74. It was eleven thousand dollars higher than the previous year.

Further conversation was held on bond money for city roads and paying off the 610 acct. The attorney stated he would check to see what the penalty would be.

Council Comments: Councilperson Brown informed the first responders Argo Christian Fellowship was providing dinner Wednesday nights at 5pm for them if they would like to join.

Councilperson Brown stated she knew of a company that stuffs eggs for you for Easter functions. Could be an alternative for the Census Easter Egg Hunt for Argo. Also, the council discussed signage for the event.

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