

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 02-24-20  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Place: Municipal Complex  
**Regular Meeting**

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Ann Cowan  
Councilperson Corky Massey  
Mayor Betty Bradley  
Mayor Pro-Tem Tony Alldredge  
Councilperson Ann Brown

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 minutes from 12/23/2019. 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.

Citizen Sharon Moore had her vehicle towed due to a state error stating her license was suspended. Officer Hughes towed her vehicle. She requested the council refund her \$255.00 for the tow. The Council agreed that it was unfortunate, but the city did everything legal and it was the state's error. There was further discussion regarding the city's ordinance and proper procedures. Councilperson Massey stated he would at least contact ABC Towing and see if there is anything they can do.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge updated the council on the storm shelter; parking has been paved, signs put up and gravel placed. The generator people did come today to look at the shelter. Gas Company put the line in under the drive.

Mayor Bradley discussed the Rex Howard proposal since it was related to the storm shelter. He suggested paving in front of the storm shelter for \$5,984.00. There was further discussion on the details of the project and whether to accept the proposal. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge suggested waiting to see if the funds would be needed for more desperate issues at a later date, for example the driveway or roads.

Mayor Bradley also discussed putting tables and chairs in the storm shelter. Interim Chief Scott Payne has put a suggested list together for the council.

Councilperson Massey provided the council with the proposed added building plans he would like to add to his current business location. There was general conversation regarding no inspectors for the city and procedures for permits. He discussed bringing two drawings stamped by an engineer, which is a requirement in the ordinance. Councilperson Massey also asked about sign permits and if there is a fee. The council agreed there was not.

Councilperson Brown recommended using Trussville's ordinance regarding the Massage Therapy. Attorney Sherrer stated he agreed and suggested adding a few small things from Moody's. Councilperson Massey motioned to allow the Attorney to draw up a draft for a Massage Therapy Ordinance. 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 Sherrer stated he or his colleagues have not received a contract as of yet from Advanced Disposal. The council discussed possibly bidding it out. Attorney Sherrer stated he would recommend getting a response from Advanced Disposal before proceeding with bidding it out. He asked the council table it until the next meeting.

Mayor Bradley discussed the St. Clair County road contract and the invoice provided for the work done so far at \$66,022.08. The County also provided an estimate to pave all the roads, \$434,997.54 totaling. Councilperson Massey discussed the severity of certain roads in Argo on the list. Mayor Bradley stated the materials the County added did not adhere to the road and she was not pleased with the conditions. Other councilmembers agreed. Attorney Sherrer stated the invoice provided was not detailed enough and there was not enough information to tell where the work was applied. Councilperson Massey stated he would ask for a more itemized invoice. There was further conversation on using the 610 account on the roads. Councilperson Massey stated he was helping clean out the pipes on the roads to allow the water to run smoothly and maintenance on the ditches as a citizen. Discussion was held on Massey Paving providing the city with a certificate of liability for the work naming the City as a holder for the protection of both parties.

RDS, now Avenue Analytics, for business licenses is up for renewal. Mayor Bradley stated both clerks recommended staying with the same company. The city has received more funds this way and Tom Suggs can correct any issues that any company have. Attorney Sherrer stated it would be beneficial as well to stay on top of any new regulations regarding licenses. Councilperson Massey motioned to renew the contract with Avenue Analytics. 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 asked if City Hall could be closed for Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> due to the Clerks going to mandatory Magistrate training. Councilperson Massey motioned to close City Hall March 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 Sherrer stated the council had covered everything for this evening.

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Bradley stated March 28<sup>th</sup> at 11 am would be the Census Easter Egg Hunt. The Springville Beta Club will help hide the eggs. There will be hot dogs for kids. Present will be two bunnies and Census Sam. Flyers and signs are in progress for the event. The County will be able to reimburse the city for anything purchased for the event for the Census. Discussion was held about different businesses donating food, drinks, etc.

Blacktop Bistro has asked to set her food truck up at City Hall during Court. Mayor Bradley stated the Judge does not allow food in the court room. She asked the council's opinion. If they let one company have a food truck on city property, then all the others need to be able to set up. Also it would be a distraction for court proceedings. Blacktop Bistro would be welcomed for events such as National Night Out or likewise events. Councilperson Massey asked if anyone would like to make a motion to allow the food truck to sell food on city property. Died for lack of motion.

Mayor Bradley discussed a court defendant that concerned the Judge and Police. She read aloud an email from the Judge regarding using Judge funds for a metal detector to better protect all involved. He is also willing to pay for a police officer to man the detector.

**Council Comments:** Councilperson Brown asked for permission to research prices for swings with the money that the city already has. She will work on getting quotes and report back next meeting.

**Public Comments:** No comments.

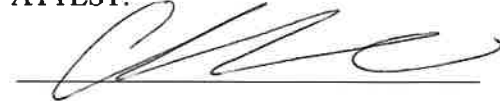
Councilperson Massey motioned to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Casie Bethune, City Clerk