

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 03-23-20

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.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge updated the council on the storm shelter. Trussville Utilities needs to install the meter and then the generator can be installed. A water connection has been made. Everything else is complete until final walkthrough.

The Council discussed the Massage Therapy Ordinance in further detail. Councilperson Brown made several inquiries regarding restrooms for patrons and background checks for the employees. Attorney Brunson stated the draft tracks the state code and the requirement to be state certified can include background checks no more than 60 days old. Councilperson Brown also asked about regulating hours for the businesses. The Attorney stated it was possible to stipulate this. There was further discussion making these changes to the ordinance and bringing it back next meeting. Councilperson Brown also stated she felt the companies needed to be required to provide a copy of license for each employee. Attorney Brunson agreed and suggested providing a copy of driver licenses as well when applying for a business license. It was agreed to keep the business license fee the same as other businesses at \$162.00, but regulate the how they can operate for the good of the community. Attorney Brunson will bring an updated draft to the next meeting.

Lt. Tony Mareno updated the council on the procedures the 1<sup>st</sup> responders were taking regarding COVID-19. All calls were being screened and the guys are taking all precautions when handling those calls. If anyone is contaminated, they will be quarantined at home.

Attorney Brunson went over the changes made to the Sunshine Law for Council meetings temporarily during the pandemic. Under these circumstances if need be, the council can vote, participate, etc using electronic forms of communication such as Zoom or Skype to hold meetings.

Police Chief James Downing discussed what the PD was doing to prevent any exposure to the pandemic virus. Dispatch is also screening calls for them. They are not handling any IDs or insurance cards. They are speaking to people through cell phones if possible instead of going to the callers' house in non-emergency situations.

Mayor Bradley asked the council to suspend the rules to put Advanced Disposal on the agenda. Councilperson Massey motioned to add Advanced Disposal to the agenda. 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 the city has received further complaints regarding Advanced Disposal not coming to pick up limbs for citizens. The city has sent a letter to them on this issue. Attorney Brunson stated he would follow up on the letter with the company and see where they stand on the contract. There was further discussion on the details of the amounts agreed upon with this contract. Attorney Brunson stated he would follow up first with the company and then address possibly rebidding the garbage service at the next council meeting.

**City Attorney Report:** Attorney Brunson informed the council the Business #2690 issue was on hold due to courts being suspended, but was hopeful it would resolve itself due to the pressure from the landlord, city and county.

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Bradley stated the city had only received one application so far for the city clerk position, but it has now been advertised in the papers.

She reported Argo Court has been suspended as well along with Driving School until further notice.

Mayor Bradley stated the metal detector the PD was hoping to get for court was approved by Judge Chamblee to come from Court funds, along with an Officer to man it.

**Council Comments:** Councilperson Massey stated he was working on patching holes in Roulain Road and asked if the PD could assist him. Mayor Bradley clarified that Councilperson Massey was not charging the city for any work done, he was working as a citizen. Attorney Brunson stated he was concerned on the ethics front using employees of the city for the project. Councilperson Massey stated he had Certificates of Liability and if any citizen complained he would not use any employees.

Attorney Brunson informed the council regarding Briar Ridge, the bank stands as responsible party for road as much as he can see. He will continue on confirming that. It was also discussed putting in place a Moratorium to stop building in that subdivision for now.

Councilperson Cowan asked about possible bonds to use for roads. Attorney Brunson stated

there was no market for bonds at this time. If the numbers work out in the future to be better the city could try again.

They could not pay off the 610 account, due to heavy penalties to do so. The council discussed using other companies like Raymond James.

Councilperson Massey alerted the council Roulain would need a new pipe soon, estimated around \$30,000. Also Cedar Creek needs patching as well. Councilperson Massey asked if Attorney Brunson would ask the Attorney General's opinion regarding him working on the road as a citizen to verify it would be legal. Attorney Brunson stated he would.

**Public Comments:** No comments.

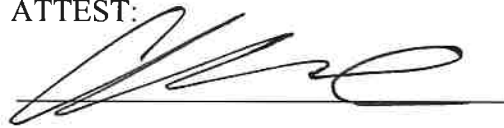
Councilperson Brown motioned to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

APPROVED:

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

Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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

Casie Bethune, City Clerk