

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 04-13-2020

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.

Police Report: Captain Glenn Wells gave the monthly report.

Fire Report: Councilperson Massey read the monthly report, Interim Chief Scott Payne, was unable to attend the meeting.

Road Report: Councilperson Massey informed the council Roulain Rd still having issues flooding the roads, drainpipe is clogged causing major issues. Cedar Creek still needs patching. Councilperson Massey asked about the mower situation due to the overgrowth on Roulain Rd, Mayor Bradley explained that she has advised all department heads to send all purchase orders through her prior to submitting, due to the COVID-19, at this time there will be no large purchases unless necessary.

Food Bank Report: Jim Link was absent. Food giveaway will be Saturday.

Teen Council Report: Absent

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge updated the council on the storm shelter-open to the public, still waiting on the final walk through. The equipment has been ordered for the storm shelter, i.e. chairs. The council also discussed adding an awning due to the danger of incoming water from the door being open, and the possibility of someone slipping and falling. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge to follow-up on this issue.

Massage Therapy Update-table until next meeting.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve Ordinance 2020-04-13 with the change made to Section 3 for a fee of \$50.00. 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.

Attorney Brunson discussed the possibility of the election being put on hold for one year due to the COVID-19. He will keep us updated as he gets more information.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve Municipal Voting Machines at \$250 with the \$125 testing fee for each (3 total). 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.

Mayor Bradley and the Council discussed the poll workers for the upcoming election. A list of previous years poll workers has been provided to the city clerk. Mayor Bradley to follow-up to see if any are available to help with the municipal elections in August.

Court Clerk On-Call Pay was discussed, a flat fee of \$200 was discussed for travel to and from the jail on the weekends, since the previous clerk was salary, this would help to alleviate any overtime she may accrue.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve court clerk on-call pay of \$200. 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.

The city hired a new city clerk she started working April 3, Tiffany Westbrook. She will be working with starting pay at \$18.00 per hour, after 6 months increasing to \$19.00.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve the hiring of the new city clerk. 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.

Councilperson Brown showed the council several different layouts of park swing ideas, all discussed. Councilperson Cowan motioned to approve offer for park swings priced at \$5975. 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.

Council also discussed sending thank-you letters out to the donors giving them updates on the park. The Mayor and Tiffany will type up a letter and send them out this week.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve Resolution 2020-04-10, to add new city clerk Tiffany Westbrook, to the signature cards. 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 gave an update on case against business #2690, nothing can go to court now due to the pandemic, but now Attorney Brunson has avenues in place once the pandemic is lifted. He also updated the council on the COVID-19 situation i.e. the stay at home order, and the vagueness of this, and the difficultness to enforce it, due to the multiple exceptions.

Mayor Report: Mayor Bradley thanked Casie Bethune for her service as City Clerk, she has since moved to our vacant Court Clerk position and is doing a fantastic job training our new city clerk, while still doing court work.

Mayor Bradley informed Attorney Brunson that the city had received its second letter from the Open the Books, Attorney Brunson to investigate this and let us know how to proceed.

Mayor Bradley discussed the noise ordinance, there have been several complaints in a neighborhood off Argo-Margaret Road, of chickens, possibly not complying with ordinance. Attorney Brunson to investigate the matter further and come up with a resolution asap. Councilperson Brown walks in her neighborhood and recorded the chickens making noise at roughly 7pm. Some of the chickens are getting loose and some of the neighbors are afraid that they might harm the young children in the neighborhood. Once a formal complaint is filed with the city then the police must go investigate the matter.

Council Comments: None

Public Comments: None

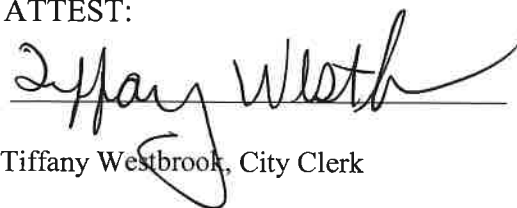
Councilperson Brown motioned to adjourn. Councilperson Massey seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tiffany Westbrook, City Clerk

