

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 04-27-2020

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.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve council meeting minutes from 01/13/2020 with correction. 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.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve the council meeting minutes from Special Called meeting 01/20/2020. 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 Cowan motioned to approve the council meeting minutes from Work Session 01/27/2020. 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.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve the council meeting minutes from 1/27/2020 with correction. 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.

Road Report: Councilperson Massey mentioned the overgrowth on, Roulain Road, hitting

trucks and inquired about getting another mower with boom-arm to assist with this issue, Mayor Bradley explained due to the pandemic that large purchases are on hold until further notice. Councilperson Massey propositioned coming up with a paving contract, he requested the amounts in the road accounts, Tiffany will get this information to all the council in the morning. Mayor Bradley will get the quoted price on the equipment and will update the council of this as well. Councilperson Massey scrapped Briar Ridge road again. Councilperson Massey to gather the remaining pipes from Tom L. Smith road and bring them City Hall. Kudos to ABC wrecker services for helping Councilperson Massey in a sticky situation, free of charge.

Massage Therapy-Attorney Brunson updated council with updated Ordinance draft. Council agreed to table until next meeting to look over the Ordinance and send any questions or concerns to Tiffany.

Attorney Brunson talked about the noise ordinance that was mentioned at the last council meeting, after further review into the City's Noise ordinance and Animal ordinance, the best option will be a Civil Summons before the council at the next council meeting. Mayor Bradley asked Captain Wells to update us on the situation, Captain Wells spoke with the wife and husband, asked them if they would be willing to move the chickens closer to roadway and down by the church, they willingly agreed. Subsequently more complaints have been received since the chickens have been moved, the neighbor on the side where the chickens are currently, as well as members of the church congregation. Mayor Bradley also stated other complaints are coming in that there are more chickens being brought in. Attorney Brunson discussed in detail about the Civil Summons, it found to be a Nuisance, the party would have to abate the nuisance, if not abated, then the city would step in.

Mayor Bradley and Council will gather written statements from citizens for this Civil Summons and ask they attend the next council meeting.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve the Civil Nuisance for the chickens. 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.

City Attorney Report: The Attorney stated he has been working with other lawyers and Casie to try to get court issues cleared up, i.e. people finishing certain requirements, paying money, prior to the city opening back up from the pandemic to keep the docket from being delayed once back in session.

Attorney Brunson also talked about different grants and loans that are available for small towns and cities, he will sypher through them and send them to Mayor Bradley through.

Attorney Brunson spoke briefly on the issue with Advanced Disposal, he recommends we put them on notice due to overcharging of our citizens for services that aren't being provided, Mayor Bradley received a letter that the services will resume on May 1. Mayor and Council agree to revisit this issue at the first council meeting in June.

Attorney Brunson stated since Metro Bank owns the property at Briar Ridge Subdivision, and suggested the City issue a Moratorium on the development in the neighborhood until the road is fixed, as well no more building permits to be issued until the issue is addressed. He will draft a letter.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve the Resolution for Metro Bank and Valor for Briar Ridge Subdivision. 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 Jefferson County Block Grant. 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 asked Attorney Brunson about the Open Book Act, he has researched it, the company gathers statics. He wrote the company a letter with an open-ended invitation, he instructed the company to contact him directly. He will update us as needed.

Mayor Report: Mayor informed the council of a pending lawsuit that has been brought against the city, involving an officer and dog. She also stated that the police department is enforcing the new Regulating Dangerous Animals Ordinance.

Council Comments: Councilperson Brown mentioned to the attorney that in her neighborhood the very first house in the subdivision has an cars sitting in the street, that are a nuisance, she asked if there was anything that could be done about this since the city does not own the streets, and it is an eyesore for the entire neighborhood. Attorney Brunson said its more of an HOA issue.

Councilperson Massey mentioned the abandoned truck on Country View Circle, he stated that as of 1 week ago it was still there, Mayor Bradley informed the council that Mr. Lovejoy the current owner of the property was contacted roughly 3 weeks ago, Captain Wells sent a patrol car to the location and reported back to the council the truck was no longer there.

Councilperson Brown notified the council the swings will be delivered on May 18th.

Public Comments: None

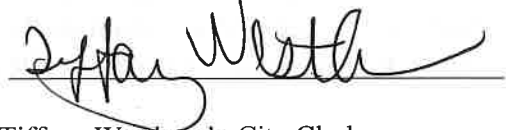
Councilperson Massey motioned to adjourn. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tiffany Westbrook, City Clerk