

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 05-11-2020

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 Massey motioned to approve the council meeting minutes from 2-10-20 and 2-24-20. 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.

Mrs. Cindy Mahner (540 T J Circle), a concerned citizen from a surrounding neighborhood where the chickens are, expressed her concerns for the health hazards as well as the noise all throughout the night. She states she gets up in the middle of the of the night and is unable to go back to sleep due to the noise. She lives a couple of blocks away and says she cannot imagine the noise if she were any closer. She also expresses concern for the decrease in the property value is she were ever to try and sell her property.

Mr. and Mrs. George McBride (1060 Mason Circle) more concerned citizens attended tonight's meeting to get more information on the situation and see what the city is doing about it. They had questions as far as if the residents needed or obtained a license to have the chickens on the premises, or if it's their right to do so? Mr. McBride understands everyone has a right to enjoy their property he just wants to ensure proper guidelines are being followed. He and his wife also live a couple of blocks away, but he says he feels for the people that live directly behind the 1284 Argo-Margaret Rd. The McBride's simply want to get a better understanding of this situation before filing a complaint.

Attorney Brunson informed the public about the progress from the last meeting to serve notice to the citizens at 1284 Argo-Margaret Road. There was a delay due to the property being sold recently. He encouraged the public to give a formal complaint for the next council meeting. Attorney Brunson anticipates having the homeowners in question served in the next couple of days, since there must be a 10-day notice.

Councilperson Massey states he recently visited the homeowners that live directly behind 1284 Argo-Margaret Rd, (Chris McCombs 1406 Argo-Margaret Rd) they informed him that the chickens are tied down to the ground. Mayor Bradley included in the councils packet The City of Trussville's animal ordinance, 2018-03-ADM. She also asked the public if they had neighbors or anyone wishing to file a formal complaint, they may do so by sending an e-mail to the city requesting a complaint form or simply type the complaint out in e-mail form, and include name, address, phone number.

Mayor Bradley also stated we will have an interpreter here at the next council meeting due to the language barrier between the citizens at 1284 Argo-Margaret Rd. She thanked the citizens for coming to tonight's meeting.

Mayor Bradley asked the council to reschedule the Council meeting on May 25th, since that was a holiday, to Tuesday, May 26th. Everyone agreed that would work.

Councilperson Massey motioned to move the 2nd Council Meeting in May to Tuesday the 26th. 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.

Police Report: Captain Glenn Wells gave the monthly report, Captain said this is the quietest month on record. Mayor Bradley wanted to inform the council that the PD has a Charger in the shop at the Dodge dealership, it will be \$3k to re-work the entire engine, it is Officer Schramm's patrol car #213.

Fire Report: Interim Chief Scott Payne gave the monthly report.

Mayor Bradley informed the council that Chief Payne, Chief Downing, Sargent Busler, Casie, Attorney Brunson, Public Defender, Darryl and herself were in a meeting earlier today with Judge Chamblee regarding opening the courts back on May 21st. Mayor Bradley thanked everyone for working together.

Road Report: Councilperson Massey informed the council that Roulain Road's overgrowth is becoming a problem. Freeze Mountain Road and Masters Road, are both problematic as well, the grass is knee high, they need to be bush-hogged. Councilperson Massey states he has been unable to trim back any limbs to date. Mayor Bradley will have Darryl ride out to the above-named roads and see what he can do to fix this problem. Councilperson Massey will try to get the temporary patches on Tom L Smith Road and Roulain Road.

Councilperson Massey notified the council that he was doing work in Mountain Oaks, on his

own accord as a citizen, he had the neighborhood raise money and is patching the roads. He is still working on getting the pipes from the end of Tom L Smith Rd and bringing them to City Hall.

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

Teen Council Report: Absent

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve Resolution 2020-05-11 naming of the electronic voting machine, 1 AutoMark (ADA), 1 ES&S DS200. 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 Clerk Tiffany Westbrook updated the council about the upcoming municipal election. She discussed the previous election years order after being in contact with Barbara Ramsey from Election Systems & Software, which was 1 ADA machine and 1 regular machine, which includes 1 spare machine for absentee ballots, and 1 stick. We will still be responsible for proving the testing of the machines, we have already voted on and signed the contract with Thomas Voting Machines, LLC to perform testing on voting machines.

Mayor Bradley asked the council if they would like to participate in the back to school tax taking place July 17-19, 2020, deadline to notify ADOR is June 17,2020.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve as written Back to School Tax, ORDINANCE NO. 2020-05-11. 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

Massage Therapy update, Councilperson Brown expressed concern on page 2, item 5, she likes the idea of having drivers' licenses posted but asked if there were a way to black out the license number. Attorney Brunson agreed with this. Councilperson Cowan asked about blacking out the drivers' license number and address. Attorney Brunson agreed, change page 2 item 5.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve ORDINANCE 2020-03-01 with changes as discussed. 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 to council to revisit the Dangerous Animal Ordinance (2019-03-25), as we have had multiple complaints within the past weeks, that this ordinance will not cover. She had Casie pull the City of Trussville's ordinance, and sat down with the police department to see what could be added to our current ordinance. Attorney Brunson would like to look over this ordinance and see what the best option is whether to adopt a new ordinance or amend our current one. The council discussed at length what they liked about the ordinance.

City Attorney Report: The Attorney updated us on the situation with the case against the city, he has been in contact with appointed attorney. At the present time, the city has not been served notice, Tiffany Westbrook and Attorney Brunson will continue to remain in contact with the appointed attorney as this situation plays out.

Attorney Brunson briefly spoke on the situation with Councilperson Massey working the roads at Briar Ridge, attorney Brunson submitted the question to the Attorney General's office and was given a form to fill out and re-submit with a Resolution giving authorization. Since this can be done without a Resolution if only one person submits the question, the council discussed it and decided if the need arose to contact the Attorney General's office, an individual could do it.

Mayor Report: Mayor Bradley talked to the council about the upcoming ALM Convention, July 23, 2020. Registration deadline is July 9th, 2020. The Mayor updated the council on the upcoming Mayor's convention, which was recently canceled, we have received a full refund on this.

Attorney Brunson mentioned there has been discussion about Jefferson County Cares Act relief, how its divided is still pending, the details as to how and what will be divided is still being discussed. Attorney Brunson will keep us updated as he finds out more information.

Tiffany Westbrook, city clerk, talked to the council about the upcoming municipal elections, she has emailed the list of previous years poll workers and gotten responses from several of them. There will need to be at least five poll workers, and the council will have to appoint poll workers after all the final date of qualification. Mayor Bradley informed the council she has posted to the city's website, and Facebook page, about qualification.

Council Comments: Councilperson Massey suggested the paving of roads, with the funds in the roads' accounts. He will have a pavement proposal at the next council meeting since asphalt is at it is cheapest.

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