

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 05-26-2020

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 minutes from Special Called meeting 03/05/2020 with correction. Councilperson Cowan seconded the motion Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-abstain, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve the council meeting minutes from Regular meeting 03/09/2020. 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.

Of note Councilperson Massey did ask to abstain his votes from the 3-5-2020 and 3-9-2020 minutes, after he voted yes. The reason given for abstention is due to Councilperson Massey not being able recollect the minutes from previous meetings. Attorney Brunson informed him this cannot be done since the motion was carried, however it could be reflected in the minutes.

Councilperson Massey disrupted the vote for minutes on Emergency Called Meeting 3-16-2020, a motion to approve was not called, therefore the motion was not carried.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve the council meeting minutes from 3-23-2020. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-abstain, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Concerned citizens came to tonight's meeting to hear to from the occupants at 1284 Argo-Margaret Road. There have been numerous complaints, both verbal and written, sent to the city about the noise, smell, and overall health concerns of the neighborhood due to the large number of chickens and roosters they have at this property. The homeowner, Vance Ballard, was served a Notice and Order to Abate the issue. Mr. and Mrs. Martinez were also present, the occupants of the home, Mrs. Maria Moses an interpreter was present.

Christy McCombs (1406 Argo Margaret Rd) spoke on behalf of herself and her sister in-law who lives near this issue. Her biggest issue is the nonstop noise. Mayor Bradley played a video gathered from one of our officers. Attorney Brunson read aloud a complaint received just before the council meeting (See attached).

Gary Gerson (1015 Mason Circle) lives in the subdivision directly behind the issue, again the main complaint is the noise, being in his basement at least 75 yards away he still hears the crowing at all hours. He is also concerned about the deterioration of the property values.

Mr. Martinez says he has such a large number of chickens and roosters for numerous reasons; he does send them to Mexico for fighting, they like having fresh poultry and eggs with the pandemic happenings and their children do have some as pets.

Attorney Brunson recommends a thirty-day notice to rectify this issue, since all parties have now been heard, and revisit this on June 22, the 2nd meeting.

Road Report: Councilperson Massey informed the council he wants to take \$350k to start fixing roads, i.e. Masters Rd, Freeze Mtn Rd. He proposed taking a large portion of the money from the roads accounts and borrowing the rest from the 610 account.

Mayor Bradley informed the council the amount that has been paid to Terracon to date regarding the Storm Shelter permit is \$9,750. This is a monthly due that must be paid until the erosion issue is resolved. Councilperson Cowan and Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge suggested getting estimates for both issues at the same time and fixing the city hall driveway for first responders.

Councilperson Massey will gather names of concrete contractors so the city can gather bids, to get a ballpark figure of what the entire area would cost, Councilperson Massey and Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge will get back with the council at the next meeting.

The playground equipment has arrived, and Councilperson Brown thanked Councilperson Massey for coming with his forklift to help unload the equipment. She is hopeful that once it dries out enough to excavate the area and place the three benches donated by Mayor Bradley, Councilperson Massey and herself everything will come together as it is supposed to in time to re-open the park. Councilperson Brown also thanked everyone who generously donated to the park fund for the city to be able to purchase such equipment for children to play on and enjoy.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve the First Reading of ORDINANCE 2020-05-26, minor changes can be made if necessary. 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 talked to the council about the earlier proceedings at tonight's meeting with the nuisance at 1284 Argo Margaret Road, the decision ultimately falls on the homeowner.

Attorney Brunson also spoke on the city's first day back in court since the pandemic. It was a team effort, and it went very smoothly. Judge Chamblee was impressed with the outcome.

Mayor Report: Mayor informed the council the city was officially served last week in regard to the lawsuit with our officer and a dog.

Mayor Bradley informed the council the 8885 Gadsden Highway is 3 months behind on rent again.

Council Comments: Councilperson Brown asked about an update on Darryl's truck, still pending. She also asked about the storm shelter equipment, as this time we do not have an update on the order. Councilperson Brown also inquired about Advanced Disposal there have been multiple complaints from citizens, Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge personally experienced an issue with the company. This will be revisited at the next meeting.

Public Comments: None

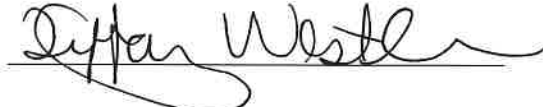
Councilperson Massey motioned to adjourn. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Alldredge-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tiffany Westbrook, City Clerk

