

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 07-13-2020

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. He also updated the council, the PD received their updated Axon cameras, these are received every two years. Update on Officer Como, he is doing well, and Sgt. Hughes is expected to be back by the end of July.

Fire Report: Interim Chief Scott Payne gave the monthly report. Chief Payne updated the council, the FD donation letters are expected to go out by the weeks end.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge motioned to approve the council meeting minutes from 6-22-2020 with change. Councilperson Brown 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.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve the council meeting minutes from 6-29-2020. 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.

Road Report: Councilperson Massey gave the council an updated list of roads for paving, with figures from Charles Pullin for the council to look over. Councilperson Massey and Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge are to go over the figures and measurements again to get the price down, as the price that Mr. Pullin has quoted is \$387,805.72, and the approved amount for the roads is at \$325k.

Councilperson Massey also stated he spoke with Mr. Pullin regarding the City Hall driveway and believes it will save the city money using asphalt instead of concrete.

Councilperson Massey informed the council he has not be able to get the patch work done on the bad spot where Darrell has the cones, he now believes it will be a permanent patch on Roulain Road.

Mayor Bradley informed the council the city has contacted the county about cutting back the sides of the road on Argo-Margaret Road multiple times. There have been multiple citizen complaints, and the county assures her they will be out by the end of next week.

Food Bank Report: No new changes. Food giveaway will be Saturday.

Teen Council Report: Isiah Moore spoke on behalf of the teen council, they have lost a few members due the pandemic, but he would still like to have “Argo Night Out”, sometime at the end of July beginning of August, pending COVID-19 guidelines are lifted or changed. He reported he leaves for college on the 18th. He reports at this time there are 7-8 still on the council, and the one taking his place will be Shannon Lee. T-shirts are in, he will get them distributed as soon as possible.

The city received a letter from Advanced Disposal, with a phone number and email designated just for the residents of Argo and updated information on the yard debris and bulk waste services. The question was asked if all residents will be receiving a copy of the letter. Mayor Bradley did post the letter to the city’s Facebook page, and the city’s website.

Attorney Brunson suggested tabling this issue and reviewing it at the first council meeting in September, with the conditions the letter is compliant with the current contract, plus they provide a written copy of the contract that has been requested, and several other terms which will all be listed in the letter Attorney Brunson will to Advanced Disposal to explain to them what was discussed in the meeting, thus will give the council time to get feedback from the city on how the services are working.

Councilperson Brown motioned to table Advanced Disposal until the first council meeting in September. 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.

The tenants of 1284 Argo-Margaret Road were present for tonight’s meeting, as well as Maria Moses, an interpreter for the city. The owner of the property was unable to attend tonight’s meeting. The patrons spoke on the issue, they say they have removed all but 16 of the hens and roosters.

Chris McCombs, 1406 Argo-Margaret Road, says the noise is the still the biggest issue.

Gary Gerson from 1015 Mason Circle also says the noise is an issue, he can still hear the crowing even when he has headphones in.

Another nearby neighbor called David Gerk commented saying the crowing is not just in the morning, it's all hours of the day. He also pointed out they were there before the patrons at 1284 Argo-Margret Road moved in, the nuisance came to them.

Attorney Brunson spoke on the issue, now the city will take the appropriate legal action to abate the nuisance, as the homeowner did not resolve the issue his own within the 30 days he was given.

Councilperson Massey made the above stated motion. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07-13 A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT TIFFANY WESTBROOK, CITY CLERK, ELECTIONS MANAGER AND AFFIRM STATUTORY ABSENTEE ELECTION MANAGER FOR THE 2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge motioned to approve RESOLUTION 2020-07-13. 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.

Chief Scott Payne spoke to the council about providing the TIER I benefits to TIER II employees. The overall cost to the city will be \$10,558. He also added this will be a great recruiting tool for the city.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve the Resolution to provide TIER I benefits to TIER II employees. Councilperson Cowan 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 briefly spoke on court from last week, and the proceedings. He also informed the council of a longstanding case has filed a motion with the judge for a public defender.

Mayor Report: Mayor Bradley informed the council repairs were done on the on the A/C unit at City Hall costing \$463.82. Also, the city received the final estimate from Kris N Co for the clean-outs and repairs totaling \$1850. Mayor Bradley officially posted notice of election this past Tuesday, and it will remain open until Tuesday July 21st at 5pm. She also asked the council if they were still interested in buying the boom mower that was discussed earlier in the year.

Councilperson Cowan made the motion to suspend the rules to add the boom mower to the agenda. 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.

Mayor Bradley has tried to contact Fouts Tractor to confirm the boom mower is still the same

price of \$15,000.

Councilperson Cowan made the motion to approve the purchase of the boom mower up to \$15,000. 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.

Council Comments: Councilperson Brown asked the council if a set of ramps had been purchased for Darrell, to prevent unnecessary lifting. Chief Payne suggested using the trailer they have with the gate.

Councilperson Massey updated the council on the playground situation. He hopes to haul the dirt and have it in place Wednesday. Councilperson Brown is hopeful they can have the swings in place by the months end. He has not been able to scrape the shoulders by the abandoned houses to date, he hopes to get that done soon.

Attorney Brunson requested the council to go into executive session. Councilperson Massey motioned to adjourn to executive session. 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.

Public Comments: Carl, a member of the community, thanked the Mayor and Council for working diligently with Advanced Disposal and trying to resolve those issues.

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:04pm.

Mayor Bradley called meeting called back to order at 7:49pm.

Councilperson Brown made the motion for the city attorney to proceed with all previous approved actions with provisions that the tenet of 8885 Gadsden Highway pay all outstanding rent, all fees included in the lease within 30 days, if all actions are taken within 30 days the attorney will stop any further action. Councilperson Cowan 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.

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