

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 09-14-2020
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 the minutes from regular meeting 8-10-2020. 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.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve the minutes from special called meeting 8-13-2020. 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 Massey motioned to approve the minutes from regular meeting 8-24-2020 with change. 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.

Police Report: Captain Glenn Wells gave the monthly report. Crime is down overall. He also reports all our officers are back and the department is fully staffed again.

Councilperson Brown asked about the animal complaints if they were repeat offenders. There was a lengthy discussion on this matter, between Captain Wells, councilperson Brown and Attorney Brunson.

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

Chief Payne also came before the council tonight to ask for the hiring of a new part time employee, Dalton King, he would be replacing an open position, and comes to the city fully trained.

Councilperson Massey made the motion to approve the hiring of Dalton King. 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.

Food Bank Report: Jim Link-absent. Food giveaway will be Saturday. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge asked if there had been an increase in the requests, Mayor Bradley said it typically drops in the summer months, due to residents having their own garden, but there usually will be an increase in the winter.

Teen Council Report: Absent

Road Report: Councilperson Massey gave the mayor and council the contract to look over and opted to give Mayor Bradley the authority to sign it once Attorney Brunson looked it over.

Councilperson Massey made the motion to allow Mayor Bradley to sign the road contract once Attorney Brunson has looked over it. 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.

Mayor Bradley talked to the council regarding Advanced Disposal. There are customer complaints coming in almost weekly, there has been ample time for them to fix these issues. There was a lengthy discussion held as to whether the start to the rebidding process, the council decided to get together a bid package to start this process.

Councilperson Brown made the motion to get a bid package together for approval. 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.

City Attorney Report: Attorney Brunson requested an executive session, regarding 8885 Gadsden Hwy. For the record, the purpose of this executive session is for the council and clerk to discuss matters of potential or pending litigation or other business matters that may effective the city's ability to fairly negotiate, all of which fall within the exception of the Sunshine Laws

Councilperson Massey made the motion to adjourn into 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.

Attorney Brunson asked the council to consider a Resolution, based on the conversation held during the executive session, authorizing the mayor, city attorney and city clerk to take actions consistent with the discussion held, this will allow the city to protect itself as well as the

individuals involved.

Councilperson Brown made the above stated motion. 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.

Mayor Report: Mayor Bradley informed the council she was visited by one of the HOA members from Briar Ridge, they will be decorating their homes for the month of October, and asked if, she could judge, members of the council, as well as any members from the police and fire departments. The judging will be done at the end of the month.

Council Comments: Councilperson Brown informed the council she had received a quote from GSA, for a survey for the park area, she mentioned Councilperson Massey knew someone, and once we get the quote from them, these could be brought before the council.

Councilperson Brown also asked the council if the council would be willing to consider paying the way for the incoming council to go to the ALM, Orientation Conference, since the money was allocated originally for the mayor's conference in May, which was canceled and refunded due to the pandemic.

Councilperson Massey made the motion to approve \$1180 to cover the ALM Orientation Conference Fees for the incoming members. 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: None

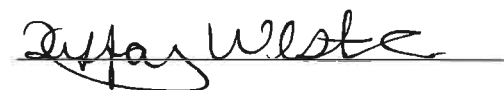
Councilperson Massey motioned to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tiffany Westbrook, City Clerk