

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 08-10-2020
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. Update on Officer Como, he is doing well, and expected to be back working court in the couple of weeks, and Sgt. Hughes has had to have more tests done prior to returning, at this time a definitive date is unknown, also Officer Schramm's wife will be induced on Friday and he's expected to be for some time.

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

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve the council meeting minutes from 7-27-2020. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge seconded the motion. 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.

Chief Scott Payne asked the council for approval to hire a new member for the fire department, Eben Leeman, is from Vestavia Fire Department, and lives in Springville. He is current on all his training. Councilperson Massey motioned to approve the hiring of Eben Leeman. 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 informed the council, he has attempted to contact Dan Dahlke multiple times since the last council meeting regarding the overgrowth and limbs and has

been unsuccessful. Councilperson Massey also asked about calling a special meeting this Thursday August 13th, for discussion on roads and expenses. He has proposed cutting the original budget from \$325k to possibly \$250k, and only doing a few of the roads this time around, including Freeze Mtn/Masters Rd and Cedar Creek Rd, totaling \$189,562.06. The remainder of the list will be done based on a variety of things such as severity of the road, how many residents it serves, and how often its traveled.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge spoke on the subject, saying he would like to see the roads paved properly. Start with the worst condition, most traveled ones and if the city is only able to do three roads this year, then that is a start, and do them as the money is replenished, Mayor Bradley agrees.

Mayor Bradley spoke about Trussville Utilities doing projects and damaging the roads without notifying City Hall beforehand so the city can ensure the roads are fixed properly afterwards. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge called them last week to ask them to please notify the City Hall as soon as possible anytime work was to be done.

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

Teen Council Report: Absent

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve the Resolutions (2020-08-00 Council Place #1 Dennis Griffin, 2020-08-01 Council Place #2 Michael Hicks, 2020-08-02 Council Place #3 Dusty Stinson) for the candidates who ran unopposed for the Municipal Election, 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 handed the floor over to Elections Manager, Tiffany Westbrook, to assign poll workers and discuss their pay for upcoming municipal election.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge made the motion to pay the inspector \$150 + \$25 additional CARES ACT and all other poll workers \$125 + \$25 additional CARES ACT. 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.

The poll workers will be assigned as follows:

INSPECTOR: SHERRY LILLEBO
REGISTRATION LIST CLERK: BILL LEAKE
POLL LIST CLERK: MARELYN JOHNSON
BALLOT CLERK: HERSCHEL PHILLIPS
PROVISIONAL BALLOT CLERK: LINDA VENABLE
POLL WORKER: CORKY MASSEY
POLL WORKER: SHIRLEY PHILLIPS
POLL WORKER: MICHELLE COALSON

Council person Brown made the motion to approve the assigning of the poll workers as read.

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.

Mr. Steve Williams gave the Council and Mayor a brief presentation on how to play disc golf. He brought in his own basket and discs for visual effects. Councilperson Brown informed the council she had made a few calls since the last meeting, Mr. Danny Self, owner of Self Heating & Air, also and avid lover of the sport, and designer of the Clay course, graciously agreed to come out and walk City Halls property to see what space might be available for our own course potentially, at no cost to the city. She also lined up a walkthrough for the Pinson course Monday morning at 8:30 and will collect more information on cost.

Councilperson Massey mentioned possibly having baskets (holes) donated by individuals or businesses with a placard “donated by” for fundraising.

City Attorney Report: Attorney Brunson briefly updated the council on the complaint filed against the city, pertaining to the dog incident. He also updated up on 8885, the tenet has been made aware of the terms of that the council would accept.

Councilperson Brown updated the council 1284 Argo Margaret Rd. nuisance issue has been resolved.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge made the motion to adjourn into executive session. Councilperson Massey 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 Pro-Tem Alldredge amended the motion to adjourn into executive session until after the comments. Councilperson Massey 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.

For the record, the purpose of this executive session is 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.

Mayor Report: Mayor Bradley reported there are still issues with Advanced disposal. Several citizens have taken the complaints to Facebook, she has tried to answer all them in a timely manner, she is asking the citizens to call City Hall directly if the issues persist. She gave the phone number that was set up for the residents of Argo 205-358-1717, email: argocustomer@advanceddisposal.com, for Argo residents only.

Mayor Bradley informed the council of the price increase for central dispatch is \$1230.30, for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Totals for the year

Central Dispatch	\$ 42,240.30
Juvenile Detention	\$ 4,359.00
EMA	\$ 232.50

Mayor Bradley talked about the upcoming municipal election, she has received numerous calls about doing a meet and greet. There will be one held at the pavilion since current circumstances will not allow for anything indoors. Social distancing guidelines will be in place, everyone will be asked to wear a mask. All candidates are invited. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge will be the moderator for the event, it will be held Saturday August 22, 2020 at 5pm. All candidates have been notified by the mayor, and everyone is invited to join.

Council Comments: Councilperson Brown did inform everyone to be on the lookout for banners regarding the “Meet and Greet”, they are at the print shop and should be ready very soon to be put out.

Councilpersons Brown and Massey are looking for volunteers to help put up the swings this Saturday at 7am.

Mayor Bradley thanked Councilperson Massey for all his time and efforts he has put into the park.

Public Comments:None.


Councilperson Massey motioned to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tiffany Westbrook, City Clerk