

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 08-24-2020

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.

Mayor Bradley read the resignation letter for Darrell Glass to the council. His last day will be on Wednesday August 26,2020.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve the resignation letter for Darrell Glass. 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.

Discussion was held on what the salary should be for upcoming candidates. Council agreed there should be a range, due to the complexity of the job and the experience of the candidate. Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge suggested starting pay at what the city brings its firemen and police (\$13.74) in at up to \$20, depending on experience.

Mayor Bradley informed the council the job listing has been posted in the Trussville Tribune, St. Clair Times, St. Clair County website as well as the city's website. Mayor Bradley also let the council know there are 3 applicants thus far. She wants to start interviewing this week after the election commences.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alldredge made the motion to approve the salary for the Maintenance Manager starting at \$13.74-\$20 depending on experience. 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.

Road Report: Councilperson Massey spoke to the council at length about paving the roads. He had a handout prepared for all the council to review. His proposal was to completely pave Freeze Mtn/Masters Rd and the worst parts of Cedar Creek for a total of \$194,193.05, with option #1 Rocky Ridge Road for \$11,728.68 or option #2 In Tha Woods for \$25,786.12.

Councilperson Massey made the motion for Vulcan Materials to draw up a proposal to pave the following roads with the numbers as written. 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.

- Freeze Mtn/Masters \$136,965.46
- Cedar Creek \$57,497.59 (to Tom L. Smith) Base Bid \$194,193.05
- Opt#1 Rocky Ridge Rd \$11,728.68 Base +Opt #1 \$205,921.73
- Opt#2 In Tha Woods \$ 25,786.12 Base + Both Opt \$231,707.85

Councilperson Cowan did suggest her original idea for the money distribution altering it somewhat, pulling \$120k from 610 account and the rest from the road funds leaving funds in all accounts for emergencies, also leaving the \$95,837.97 in Capital Improvement originally from the 610 account, for the city hall driveway.

For the record to clarify the above motion, Councilperson Massey made a motion to have a proposal drawn up with the priorities of the above stated roads, depending on what the amounts are, the council will come back and ask for approval, and if money allows proceed with opt #1 and if money still allows proceed with opt #2, this will doing the above listed 5 roads in the amount of \$231,707.85.

City Attorney Report: Attorney Brunson updated the council on 8885 Gadsden Hwy. Based on previous authorizations from the city, and no further action from the tenet, the city will take possession of the property on September 1st. The amount owed to the city is nearly \$11k. This amount is to be paid in full, as well as a new lease executed under the terms discussed a year ago.

Mayor Report: Mayor Bradley reminded everyone of the municipal election tomorrow, polls will be open from 7AM-7PM. The A/C had to be worked on again last week costing just over \$157. Also, there will be a special called meeting on Monday September 1,2020 for the canvassing results, the time is unknow at this time. It does have to be held by noon on that day, city clerk to give notice as to time of the meeting. Mayor Bradley also talked about calling a special meeting for reviewing the applicants for the maintenance job.

Councilperson Massey wanted to add the roads to the special called meeting if he can get with Vulcan Materials within this time.

Council Comments: None

Public Comments: Mr. Howard Hartley, 950 Hickory Valley Rd., spoke at tonight's meeting regarding speeding in his neighborhood, people speeding well over the speed limit. He comes before the council tonight to ask what he can do to help with situation. He has called central

dispatch several times about this issue. He is afraid someone is going to get hurt if something is not done. Mayor Bradley says she's seen this firsthand, while campaigning, several people riding ATV's speeding on the roads. Mayor Bradley encouraged Mr. Hartley to call central dispatch and report this when he this happening or get a tag number, unfortunately the police officers must catch them in action before they can act.

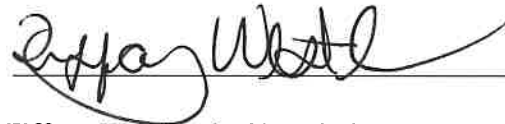
Councilperson Massey motioned to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Betty Bradley", written over a horizontal line.

Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tiffany Westbrook", written over a horizontal line.

Tiffany Westbrook, City Clerk