

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 09-28-2020

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.

Eric Springer gave the invocation.

Mayor Bradley opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bradley read the resignation letter for Mayor Pro-Tem Tony Alldredge. He and his family will be moving outside the city limits of Argo. He thanked the council and Mayor for his time serving on the council, and what an honor it was working with them during his administration.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve the resignation letter for Mayor Pro-Tem Tony Alldredge. Councilperson Brown 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 special called meeting 8-31-20. Councilperson seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Massey motioned to approve the minutes from regular meeting 9-14-20 with change. Councilperson seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

8885 Gadsden Hwy was next on tonight's agenda, it would require the council to adjourn into executive session, an exception to the open rules act due to potential or pending litigation.

Mayor Bradley asked the council if they would consider passing Resolution 2020-09-28 ACT 2011-676, changing RSA Tier I employees' contributions equal to Tier II employees.

Councilperson Massey made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-09-28 ACT 2011-676. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mr. Mike Taylor came before the council tonight to ask for approval from the council to be able to obtain a Federal Firearms License. He has already passed his background check with the FBI and getting approval from the local municipality is another box to check prior to the ATF authorizing this license. He needs a letter from the municipality stating there is not any zoning that would prohibit him from buying and selling firearms in his are. There was a long discussion between Mr. Taylor, the city attorney, and members of the council.

The council would like to have time research this issue. Councilperson Massey made the motion to table until the next council meeting. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Bradley updated the council on the progress of the budget. She would like to start having budget work sessions next week, we are still waiting on some department heads to finalize their budget. Mayor Bradley asked the council to suspend the rules of tonight's meeting to add the budget to the agenda and asked the council if they would extend the current budget through the end of October.

Councilperson Massey made the motion to suspend the rules for tonight's meeting to add budget to tonight's meeting. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Massey made the motion to extend the current budget until the end of October. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

**City Attorney Report:** Attorney Brunson updated the council on ongoing pending litigation issues against the city.

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Bradley talked with the council about the city hosting a Christmas parade. Councilperson Massey will check with surrounding cities and check their dates, and report back at the next council meeting.

Mayor Bradley informed the council that Councilperson Brown and Councilperson Massey both were able to get an estimate for a survey of the city's property for a potential disc golf course. One estimate came in at \$1500, and the other at \$500, after further discussion it was decided there not be a need for a survey.

Mayor Bradley informed everyone this upcoming Saturday morning would be a park workday if anyone would like to volunteer.

AMIC sent a survey to all municipalities about debris, they would give \$500k to establish the fund, Mayor Bradley took the survey and requested more information and will update the council as the information comes in.

**Council Comments:** Councilperson Brown asked about who reaches out to the people on the wait list for the Welcome to Argo sign, Councilperson Massey stated he was the one who contacted the next in line, he believed the next in line was closing their store however. Councilperson Brown is the point of contact for the sign and will get with the clerk for who is all is on the list.

**Public Comments:** Shannon Lee was in attendance for tonight's meeting. She will be the new teen council president for the city. She introduced herself to the council and spoke briefly.

Councilperson Massey spoke briefly about a program offered for teenagers; Argo can elect 2 teens from the city to be poll workers in elections. They would require schooling as all poll workers do.

Councilperson Massey made the motion to elect Shannon Lee and Nick Barnett to be the city's poll workers, with their parent's approval, and the approval from Judge Mike Bowling. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Cowan-yea, Massey-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried

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

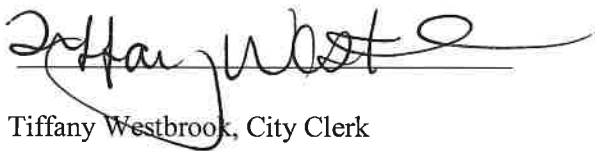
Councilperson Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tiffany Westbrook, City Clerk