

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 10-12-2020  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Place: Municipal Complex  
**Regular Meeting**

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Ann Cowan  
Councilperson Corky Massey  
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 Massey motioned to approve the minutes from regular meeting 9-28-2020 with change. 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 approve the minutes from budget work session 10-05-2020. 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.

**Police Report:** Captain Glenn Wells gave the monthly report. Crime is still down overall.

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

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

**Teen Council Report:** Shannon Lee, the new teen council president was present tonight. She reported they had their first official meeting of the year, there were also two other teen council members in attendance at tonight's meeting, she was happy to report there are already a few prospective members for the teen council. The current teen council has already been working on several projects and plans to meet again before the first council meeting in November.

Dusty Stinson, incoming council member, came before the council tonight, he has been working along side the fire and police departments with regards to applying for the ALDOT Rail-

Highway Safety Programs Grade Crossing Hazard Elimination Grant. He briefly spoke to the council on the matter and gave an overview of the application process.

Councilperson Massey made the motion for the city to apply for the ALDOT Rail-Highway Safety Programs Grade Crossing Hazard Elimination Grant. 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.

Attorney Brunson updated the mayor and council on Advanced Disposal. He has yet to be able to produce a final signed copy of the agreement. He has been working on an updated bid package for the councils' review. He will have this sent to the clerk this week.

Mayor Bradley would like for the incumbent council as well as the incoming council to review the documents and submit any questions or potential changes to the clerk.

Councilperson Massey made the motion to host The City of Argo's Christmas Parade on Saturday December 12, 2020 at 10AM. 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 asked the council if they wished to apply the principle earned rebate from the AM Fund back into the loan, as this is what the council has voted to do in years past. The total rebate amount this fiscal year was \$17,969.77. Councilperson Massey made the motion allow the rebate to be applied towards the principal of the AM Fund loan. Councilperson Cowan 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 a few minor things the city has going on. He and the city clerk have been working on a few things as well, once these issues are resolved, he will give the council a full report.

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Bradley asked the council if the city would like to participate in something for Halloween. Several local churches are doing trunk or treat or fall festivals. After a long discussion between the council and mayor it was decided that due to the pandemic, the fire and police departments would have bags of candy on-hand to give out.

Christmas for kids is coming up and the mayor would like to start planning and replenishing the funds with fundraisers. Councilperson Brown mentioned t-shirt sales and councilperson Massey mentioned doing another black Friday yard sale as those fundraisers have been very fruitful in the past years.

Mayor Bradley reminded the council that the incoming council will be sworn in on Monday 11/2/2020 and she would like for the incumbent council members to be present if possible.

She also updated the council on a pending matter involving the city, Darrell was mowing grass several weeks ago and allegedly hit an passerby's truck with a rock, the claim was turned over to

the city's insurance and a claim filed, the claimant has chosen to seek counsel on the matter.

**Council Comments:** Councilperson Brown spoke with another municipality and received information on life insurance for our law enforcement, through the Alabama Peace Officers Association, its \$20 annually, \$10k coverage if they were to lose their life in the line of duty and, \$500 for any other cause of death. Councilperson Brown would like to ask the city to cover this for our officers. Councilperson Massey has graciously agreed to donate this to the Argo Police Department for our officers.

**Public Comments:** None

Chief Scott Payne spoke briefly regarding the upcoming general election, he has spoken with Cornith Baptist Church, they have agreed to let the city use their parking lot. He also asked all the employees to park there the day of the election and he or Chief Downing could bus them over to City Hall, and if anyone is available to help with directing traffic or parking cars that day please let him or Chief Downing know they are all working on a plan to make things run as smooth as possible.

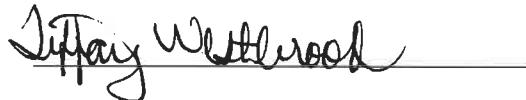
Councilperson Massey motioned to adjourn. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tiffany Westbrook, City Clerk

