

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 10-13-20

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: Municipal Complex

**Budget 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.

General discussion was held on the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget for the City.

Councilperson Brown requested the two Ordinances regarding the mayor salary, although the city only has one Ordinance regarding the current mayor's salary. Mayor Bradley wants it on record that she will voluntarily withdrawal her salary from the budget, until this issue is resolved. It has recently come to light that a clerical error, not the fault of current clerks Tiffany Westbrook, or Casie Bethune, caused Mayor Bradley's salary to be incorrect. This clerical error, done by previous clerks, had the incorrect salary in the computer for the current mayor. All of which was done by under the previous administration, this clerical error was not caught by any of the incumbent council members, nor the auditor, Councilperson Cowan wanted it on record the, the council and auditor are "only as good as the numbers given to them by the clerks", the mayor and council do however receive financial statements at the end of each month. The salary was approved and passed each year by the current administration. The issue has since been corrected, and all documentation and ordinances have been turned over to the city attorney and sent to the state of examiners board for review.

The Council went over both the Police Departments budget as well as the Fire Departments. There was general discussion on revenue, expenditures, and payroll for each department. The City Clerk compared the budgeted figures to the current years actuals to show any adjustments from last year. No cuts were made at this time.

The police department has requested an overall amount from the general fund of \$488,510.07 for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

The fire department has requested an overall amount from the general fund of \$475,373.72 for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

The Council will review the budget in further detail and come back to it at a later date.

Councilperson Massey motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor asked if all were in favor. Everyone stated aye. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

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Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tiffany Westbrook, City Clerk