

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 11-23-2020

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Municipal Complex

Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Dennis Griffin

Mayor Pro-Tem Dusty Stinson

Councilperson Danny McCarley

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.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting 10-26-20 with change. Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-absent, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve the minutes from Work Session 11-09-20 with change. Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-absent, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting 11-09-20 with change. Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-absent, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve the minutes from Budget Work Session 11-16-20. Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-absent, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Bradley briefly spoke to the Council about 8885 Gadsden Highway property. She would like to get the facility cleaned up and start looking at potential tenants. She has two business

owners interested and is meeting with them next week if any of the Council would like to sit in on either of those meetings. There was general discussion held during the work session on how much rent should be for a building that size, approximately 7,700sq/ft.

Councilperson Brown made the motion to make the rent \$3500 per month for 8885 Gadsden Highway. Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-absent, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mr. Larry Bailey, 8761 Will Keith Rd, came before the Council tonight and asked to be de-annexed out of the City of Argo. He and Mrs. Bailey have been residents of the City since it was founded, they are getting older and have health issues and are looking to downsize. He would like to become part of the City of Trussville, and Shady Oaks Subdivision, currently, where their house is located, the right-side is St. Clair County, and behind and to the left is Trussville City limits. He feels it will be a huge selling point for someone with school-age children who buys his house if they are de-annexed to ensure the children will go to the same school as all the children in the neighborhood.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson made the motion to de-annex Mr. & Mrs. Larry Bailey's property at 8761 Will Keith Rd. Trussville, AL 35173. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-absent, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-nay, and Mayor Bradley-nay. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson stated he is not in favor of de-annexing property in the City, but in this situation, "it just makes sense", the area is surrounded by Trussville City limits.

During the City's Work Session Mr. Jonathan Bozeman presented the Council with the Alabama Power Flock Camera Surveillance system presentation. The cost for three cameras monthly would be \$687.49.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson made the motion to approve three Flock Surveillance cameras, with the potential to add more in the future, with the funds coming from the Police Equipment Fund. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-absent, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Bradley spoke to the Council regarding the Municipal Workers Compensation Fund (MWCF), this is a yearly fee the City pays for workers comp, safety guidelines have to be met and followed, in return the City receives a discount on the fee. Mayor Bradley asked Councilperson Hicks to head this up as he works full-time as a Fire Fighter for the City of Trussville, and already knows many of the rule and regulations. Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson will also be assisting Councilperson Hicks.

Councilperson Griffin made the motion to assign Councilperson Michael Hicks as the City's Safety Coordinator. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-absent, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mr. Corky Massey has represented the City in years past on the Moody GUSC Board, he would like to try to get back to a normal life, and the Council would like to have an active member of

the Council on the Board. Councilperson McCarley has previously served many years on a waterworks Board; Mayor Bradley feels he can represent the City well. Mr. Massey has offered to show Councilperson McCarley around and help when needed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson made the motion to appoint Councilperson Danny McCarley to the Moody GUSC Board. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-absent, Stinson-yea, McCarley-abstain, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Brown read aloud the total for the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget.

Expense Totals	
City Operating Budget	436,459.80
City Payroll Expenses	220,954.59
Police Department Budget	493,843.82
Fire Department Budget	475,373.72
Total	1,626,631.93

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-absent, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Bradley would like to change to the December council meetings to Tuesday December 1st, 2020 and Monday December 14th, 2020, due to the holidays.

Councilperson Brown made the motion to move the December council meetings to December 1st and 14th. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-absent, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

There was discussion on the purchase of two new police cars for the Police Department. There is currently \$111,906.14 in the Police Equipment Fund. The estimate given in August was \$85,190, this would be two fully equipped cars, excluding striping.

Councilperson Brown made the motion to approve the PD to purchase the two new police cars, funded from the Police Equipment Fund. Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-absent, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

The PD has two surplus items they wish to sell, due to not having the VIN's on the items, the council decided to table until the next council meeting. Councilperson Brown made the motion to table discussion of the Police Surplus Sale items until next meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-absent, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

After a long discussion between Mayor, Council and Mr. Massey, it was decided to table the Christmas Parade until the next meeting to see how the pandemic plays out, deciding how to proceed at the next meeting will still give everyone enough time to get everything together for the parade. Councilperson Brown motioned to table the Christmas parade discussion until the next meeting. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of

votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-absent, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

The employee Christmas party was also discussed at length, and what is the best way to handle it. The Council ultimately decided to cancel the employee Christmas party, several of the council did agree something should be done for the employees since the party was canceled.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson motioned to cancel to employee Christmas party. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-absent, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Due to the cancelation of the employee Christmas party the council discussed giving every employee a turkey, these would be donated by the mayor and council, no city funds would be used.

City Attorney Report: No new business.

Mayor Report: Mayor Bradley reminded the Council that City Hall will be closed on Thursday 11/26/2020 and Friday 11/27/2020 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Christmas for Kids deadline is Monday December 7th, 2020. The toy handout is Saturday December 12th,2020. If anyone knows an Argo family in need. Applications available through City Hall.

A Christmas sign was donated to the City by the Mayor, to be put on display in front of the “Welcome to Argo” sign. Tony Nash from the FD has made a frame for the sign and painted it. She thanked Tony and the rest of the FD for their work on this project.

Mayor Bradley has been in contact with Vulcan Materials, in regard to the roads, she was informed they have been behind due to the virus, and hope to start soon weather permitting.

Council Comments: Councilperson Brown stated she has had several citizens inquire about streetlights being placed at the corner of Argo-Margaret and Blackjack road. She would like to contact Alabama Power to see what the cost would be to get something in place.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson gave an update on the teen council, he was present at the food give away this past Saturday 11/22/2020, the teen council served around 45 families.

Public Comments: Eric Springer asked the Mayor and Council if there was anything that could be done about the stop sign and the corner of Tom L. Smith and Cedar Creek Rd, its cracked nearly in half. Mayor Bradley will have Darrell go look at it and replace it.

Councilperson Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson seconded the motion. 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

