

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 12-01-2020

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Municipal Complex

Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Dennis Griffin

Councilperson Michael Hicks

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.

Invocation was given by Beth King. The pledge of allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Mayor Bradley addressed the council with the first order of business, minutes from the council meeting dated 11-23-2020. Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson motioned to approve the minutes from Work Session. Councilperson Mccarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-abstain, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting 11-23-20 with changes. Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-abstain, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve the scheduled Argo Christmas Parade. Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-yea, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Bradley listed specific Police vehicles which the department wished to put up for auction. Specifically Semi Trailer VIN# 1K9E30328L1005270/M998 and M-1123 Serial number 613362. Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson motioned to approve the sale of the listed vehicles. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-yea, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve hiring Steve Tuttle as the part time city clerk at a pay rate of 15.50 per hour. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson

stipulated that a clarification of job responsibilities was needed. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-yea, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve raising Officer Jack Cuomo's pay rate to 17.50 per hour. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-yea, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson spoke briefly regarding the Teen Council's participation in the Christmas Parade and future city council meetings.

Councilperson Mccarley made the motion to approve a suspension of rules and add the resolution regarding metal detectors to the agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-yea, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson made the motion to approve the use of metal detectors by the Argo Police to detect firearms at both council meetings and court hearings. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-yea, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

City Attorney Report: No new business.

Mayor Report: Mayor reported the city maintenance tractor being repaired and will be back out working soon.

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.

Advanced Disposal had been changed to the company Waste Management.

The next Council meeting is set for Dec. 14th due to the Christmas holiday.

Council Comments: Councilperson Brown thanked the Mayor for donating the Christmas sign at city hall. She also thanked Glenn for donating the Christmas trees and Fireman Tony Nash for the frame for the Christmas decorations. She also requested contact information for ordering Christmas turkeys as gifts.

Captain Wells reported that Chief Downing was recovering well from his surgery.

Councilperson Hicks made the motion to approve a suspension of rules and add the resolution regarding the CARES ACT to the agenda. Councilperson Mccarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-yea, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hicks made the motion to approve the CARES ACT grant money pending a letter for reimbursement to the city. Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-yea, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Several persons noted the public support of the police department's use of the property check door hangers on their businesses.


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

APPROVED:

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

Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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

Tiffany Westbrook, City Clerk

