

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 07-12-2021
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.

Invocation was given by Former Mayor Mr. Butch Isley of Springville, and the pledge of allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Payne gave the monthly fire report.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Wells gave the monthly police report.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve the work session minutes without change and regular meeting minutes from 6-28-2021 with change. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

The city receives one scholarship yearly through the Leadership St. Clair County program, Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson would like to take the scholarship and attend the classes this year. The deadline to turn everything in August 1,2021, Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson has all the information. Councilperson Griffin motioned to approve Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson to be awarded this year's LSCC scholarship. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Stinson-abstain, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Bryan King and Glenn Coyne with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, presented the mayor and council with a brief presentation of their ideas on how the city should proceed with a new comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance. Once the presentation was complete, they answered several questions asked by residence in attendance of tonight's meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson motioned to approve Resolution 2021-07-12 -A Resolution for Approval of the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham to complete the

development of an Argo Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance and 20% matching funds to be paid by the City of Argo. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY –No new business.

MAYOR REPORT – Mayor Bradley talked briefly to the council about having Mr. Butch Isley help the council with zoning. Mr. Isley addressed the council, and stated that he is retired, and he has about 9-11 hours to give to the city to help.

Mr. Neal Crotzer, of 110 Tom L. Smith Dr, spoke about multiple issues, such as limbs overgrown, and the roadways not cut. He also complained there was no place within the city to for him and family to make a grocery bill, he believes that you have to learn to crawl before you can walk in terms of fixing existing problems within the city and not getting zoning right now. Mayor Bradley and Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson spoke on the matter, and informed Mr. Crotzer the city is in the process of looking into buying new equipment for the roadside, to assist with those issues and as for grocery stores, they have been in contact with the EDC about possibly getting a grocery store, and all the answers have been the same, they are concerned about the city not having zoning in place.

Mr. Crotzer also said he believes that most of the city's revenue comes from taxes on homes and tickets, so the city should have plenty of money, Mayor Bradley informed him he was sadly mistaken about revenue from tickets, the city only receives roughly \$20 of each ticket written, she offered for him to come to her office anytime and she would go over the breakdown with him or anyone who was interested in it.

Councilperson Brown motioned to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

City Attorney Michael Brymer spoke on the matter and stated he has reviewed the matter and finds that moving into executive session is warranted, and the meeting was adjourned subject to the executive session.

A motion was made to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tiffany Westbrook, City Clerk