

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 08-23-2021

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Municipal Complex

Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL

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 Councilperson Brown, and the pledge of allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve the minutes from the work session meeting as well as the regular minutes dated 08-09-2021 without corrections. Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Officer Cason Davis presented the Mayor and Council with why the city could benefit from a K-9 unit. He said there are always new kinds of drugs being made, and the human nose can't always detect them, as easily as other drugs. There aren't a lot of options as far as other municipalities that are available to assist when the city needs a dog, so it would be very beneficial. He is in the process of applying for a grant to aid in the cost, and Dr. Tommy Johnson with Argo Animal Clinic has been very gracious and agreed to donate the K-9's vet services. The K-9's name is Argo; he is a three-year-old Dutch Shepard.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson motioned to approve the K-9 unit, approve the training, the police department pays for the training, the City of Argo will pay for the cage pending the grant application, the city will pay the difference. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Brown did clarify, regardless of Officer Davis receiving the grant, the city would still pay for the cage for the K-9 unit.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-08-23 An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2013-218 And 2021-07-26 And Replacing It with A Revised Ordinance Minimizing

Public and Private Losses Due to Flood Conditions in Certain Areas by Setting Forth Certain Requirements for Public and Private Property Within a Recognized Flood Plain as Required by The Federal Emergency Management Agency and For Other Purposes. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson McCarley motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-08-23A -An Ordinance Establishing Reserve Police Officers for The City of Argo. Mayor Pro-Tem seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve the agreement with St. Clair County for E911 in the amount of \$43,507.50. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve the agreement with St. Clair County for Adult Inmate Housing increase to \$35 per day. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson McCarley motioned to table the hiring of maintenance personnel until after the new budget has been reviewed. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson made the motion to approve relating to the Resolution (2021-07-19) adopting the purchase of the John Deere 5065 tractor, recently purchased, allocating the funds from the ARPA funds \$45,289.43, and John Deere 35G in the amount of \$40,972, and a Big Tex Dump trailer in the amount of \$10,500. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY – No new business.

MAYOR REPORT – Mayor Bradley introduced Alyssa Gore, the city's newest employee, she is the part time city clerk, helping both the city and court clerks.

Councilperson Brown briefly updated everyone on disc golf, everything should be ready to go by September 11th the day of the Argo Business Club picnic. Disc Dynamics will have a booth set up that day with discs for sale as well as demos.

Mayor Bradley informed everyone that we should be ready to start the budget work sessions by the months end. She would like to have it passed by October 1st. She also informed the council that the clerks will start working on the audit with the auditor beginning September 14th. The speaker for the mayor's breakfast the city is hosting in October will be Lance Bell. He is

running for senator.

Corky Massey spoke tonight on behalf of the Argo Business Club, Mr. Carter is out of town, the meeting has been moved from Wednesday August 25th to Friday August 27th at 9am at Hill Top Farms restaurant. Breakfast will be provided; he invited the mayor and council to attend.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson motioned to suspend the rules to add the Resolution 2021-08-23B, to the agenda. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-nay. Motion failed due to lack of unanimous vote.

Mayor Bradley feels the decisions on purchasing the equipment are being made very hastily, and would like to wait, as to not get the city into hot water.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson would like it added to the record that he was “told by everyone on the council including the mayor to go ahead and contact AgPro and tell them we could move forward with the purchase of these items.”

Mayor Bradley stated she asked for estimates, nothing had been voted on, nor approved.

Councilperson Brown spoke up saying it was discussed, and believed everyone was in agreeance, she was trying to understand what the difference would be if one piece of equipment has already been purchased with the monies, why not the other two pieces?

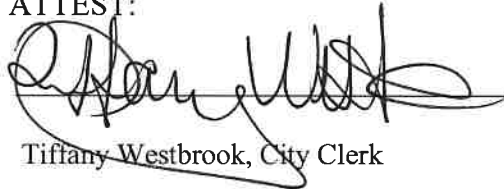
A motion was made to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tiffany Westbrook, City Clerk