

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 09-15-2021

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: Municipal Complex

**Budget Meeting**

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Michael Hicks

Mayor Pro-Tem Dusty Stinson

Councilperson Danny McCarley

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.

General discussion was held on the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget for the City. There was general discussion on revenue, expenditures, and payroll. The Council were presented with an updated version of the budget for review, this did include cutting the full-time maintenance position, making it a seasonal position, pay increase \$2/hr for fulltime and \$1/hr for part-time employees, and adding the revenue for the month of August.

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. There were cuts made to both departments, the police department cut a full-time position from their budget and cut \$2k from their training budget. The fire department also cut the extra person they originally asked for, as well as \$2k from their budget. Both departments did add a pay increase of \$2/hr for full-time and \$1/hr for part-time employees. Both departments were happy with the budget, even with the cuts that had to be made to make the budget for the year.

The police department has requested an overall amount from the general fund of \$503,267.40 for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

The fire department has requested an overall amount from the general fund of \$498,683.11 for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

There was also general discussion on giving the employees an end of the year bonus, with the ARPA funds, amounts were discussed and how the bonus would be gifted, as far as department heads, full-time, part-time, etc.

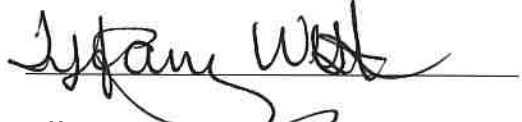
Mayor Bradley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tiffany Westbrook, City Clerk

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Date: 09/13/2021

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Municipal Complex

**Regular Meeting**

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Dennis Griffin

Mayor Pro-Tem Dusty Stinson

Councilperson Danny McCarley

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 Mr. Bob Carter, and the pledge of allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Councilperson McCarley motioned to approve the work session and regular meeting minutes from 8/23/2021, and the budget work session minutes from 9/8/2021 with no changes. Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

**FIRE REPORT** – Chief Scott Payne gave the monthly fire report. Overall, the fire department has seen an increase in calls, roughly 100 more than this time last year. Chief Payne also mention to the council that he would like to hire Blake Bjornson, to replace Brian Bonner, as he will be leaving the department soon. Bjornson is fully trained so it would not cost the city anymore money.

**POLICE REPORT** – Chief Glenn Wells gave the monthly police report, they had 224 dispatched for the month, which was down about 100 calls from this time last year.

Council Person Griffin motioned to approve Resolution No. 2021- 09-13, A resolution authorizing the expenditure of certain funds under the American rescue plan act of 2021 for the purchase of equipment necessary for an increased maintenance need of public parks and other areas in order to respond to the coronavirus public health emergency. Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Stinson-yea, McCarley-nay, and Mayor Bradley-abstain. Motion failed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson contemptuously asked Mayor Bradley why she didn't want the equipment, she stated she does want to purchase the equipment, she reiterated that she feels like we are trying to move to fast with spending the funds, there are no clear guidelines as to what the

money can or can't be spent on. Her fear is that the funds will be spent outside the guidelines and the city will then be responsible for paying the Federal Government back the money, she recently found out one of the neighboring municipalities had to pay back upwards of \$171K in federal grants, for not following guidelines. She also feels that all the councilmembers should be present for this decision. Mayor Pro-Tem asked her even though the city attorney has prepared a resolution for the purchase of this equipment? Her response was still yes, she wants to take it slow, since this is all new. City attorney, Michael Brymer spoke up stating that this is an all-new process to everyone, councilperson Griffin also stated maybe wait and see what happens in other cities since it is all new, and the rules could change. The funds don't have to be allocated until December 2024, and spent until December 2026, so she would like to take it slow.

Bob Carter spoke tonight about the Argo Business Club Picnic; it was Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup> from 10-3. He was pleased with the turn out, there were several business' that donated door prizes and there were free hot dogs. The disc golf was a big hit. He briefly talked about the next project the business club will be hosting which will be the Christmas Parade, more details to come.

Councilperson Griffin thanked Mr. Carter for everything that he has done putting the business club together. He's very pleased to see how well the community has worked together and to make things happen.

**CITY ATTORNEY** –No new business.

**MAYOR REPORT** – Mayor Bradley reminded the council that the mayor's breakfast is tomorrow in Springville at 7:30. She also let everyone know the internet is down, we are hoping to get it fixed by tomorrow at the latest.

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

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tiffany Westbrook, City Clerk

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## CITY OF ARGO

**Date:** 09/13/2021

**Time:** 5:00 PM

**Place:** Municipal Complex

**Work Session**

The City Council for the City of Argo met on Monday, September 13th, 2021, for a work session. The meeting was held at the Municipal Complex located at 100 Blackjack Road Argo, AL 35173.

The following members were present:

Councilperson Dennis Griffin

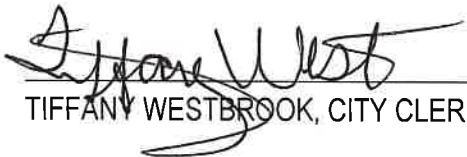
Mayor Pro-Tem Dusty Stinson

Councilperson Danny McCarley

Mayor Betty Bradley

The work session consisted of discussion on the September 13th, 2021, regular council meeting agenda.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

  
TIFFANY WESTBROOK, CITY CLERK

**APPROVED:**

  
BETTY BRADLEY, MAYOR