

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 09-29-2021

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: Municipal Complex

**Special Called Budget Meeting**

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Dennis Griffin (late 5:09)

Councilperson Michael Hicks

Mayor Pro-Tem Dusty Stinson

Councilperson Danny McCarley

Councilperson Ann Brown (late 5:02)

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 two more updated versions of the budget for review, this did include adding full-time maintenance position, one at \$25/hr. and one at \$27/hr., pay increases \$2/hr. for fulltime and \$1/hr. for part-time employees, and adding the revenue for the month of September.

The Council went over both the Police Departments and the Fire Departments budgets. There was general discussion on revenue, expenditures, and payroll for each department. The cuts originally made were added back for personnel, the police department added a full-time position back to their budget. The fire department also added the extra person they originally asked for. Both departments did add a pay increase of \$2/hr. for full-time and \$1/hr. for part-time employees and \$1.25/hr. for fire Lieutenants. Both departments were happy with the budget.

The police department has requested an overall amount from the general fund of \$557,102.52 for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

The fire department has requested an overall amount from the general fund of \$583,485.43 for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

There was a long discussion regarding the budgets, Mayor Bradley did ask the council to consider postponing the hiring of the 3 additional personnel until after a mid-budget review to see how the revenue was at that time, due to the uncertainty of the economy at the present time. The majority of the council did not agree with this, they wanted to proceed with passing one of the budgets where the city was starting in the red, Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson also stated he wanted

to put an "earmark" on the budget so that the city would have to hire one certain individual for the maintenance department.

It was decided by the majority of the council, that the chief of police and fire chief would wait until at least January to hire anyone to fill the potential positions to help offset some of the negative difference the city would be starting out with, the chiefs were in agreement with the council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson motioned to approve budget #8. Councilperson Hicks seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Hicks-yea, Stinson-yea, McCarley-nay, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-nay. Motion carried.

Mayor Bradley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tiffany Westbrook, City Clerk