

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 11/08/2021

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

FIRE REPORT – Chief Scott Payne gave the monthly fire report. The fire department had a total of 44 calls for the month of October. Chief Payne also updated the council that the fire department would be starting hydrant maintenance soon.

POLICE REPORT – Captain Alan Busler gave the monthly police report, they had 227 dispatched for the month. Mayor Bradley asked Captain Busler about officers being dispatched to work interstate, he confirmed they are dispatched to those calls. There have been complaints with this situation, Mayor Bradley wanted to address this.

FOOD BANK REPORT-Beth King updated everyone on the council about the giveaway everyone be able to get turkey with all the trimmings for the giveaway.

BUSINESS CLUB REPORT- Bob Carter spoke briefly tonight about the Christmas parade, which will be Saturday December 11th at 10AM. Fliers and applications will soon be available online if anyone wishes to participate. Greg Moore will be the Grand Marshall, and its official, the Springville Marching Band will be marching in the parade. He also informed the council that the business committee would have raffle tickets for prizes \$5 each ticket and the proceeds would go towards two different organizations this year one being Christmas for kids and the other being Springville High School Counselors- to assist high school seniors who may need financial assistance with fees and such for their senior year. He says anyone is welcome to participate in the parade.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve the work session and regular meeting minutes from 10/25/2021 without change. Councilperson Hicks 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 motioned to approve Resolution 2021-11-08, A Resolution Authorizing and Providing Premium, Pay to Eligible Municipal Workers Under the Provisions of The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Mayor Por-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.

Councilperson Brown motioned to table item #11, until the council can get an estimate from Alabama Power. Councilperson Hicks 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.

Mr. Brandon Bowen briefly spoke tonight about the Angus Street property and his petition to annex the property. He needs assistance from the city for Norfolk railroad. He plans to develop 29-1 acre lots houses would be approximately 2300-2500 square ft.

The public was given an opportunity to speak for or against the petition, no one spoke on the matter.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-11-08A - An Ordinance to Alter, Rearrange, And Extend the Corporate Limits of The City of Argo, Alabama, So as To Embrace and Include Within the Corporate Area of Said City All Territory Now Within Such Corporate Limits and Also Certain Other Territory Contiguous to The City. 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.

Jamie with Springville Rotary Club and Dr. Christy Bradford with Better Basics presented the City of Argo with its book nook, they briefly talked about what the program was and how to participate and donate. They have meetings on Thursday mornings at 7AM at the fire station/storm shelter. The ladies would like to do a formal dedication, Councilperson Brown will get this coordinated.

Councilperson Brown motioned to table Webb Payroll Services until the next scheduled meeting, for the city attorney to draw up an agreement. 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 Griffin motioned to move the 2nd Council Meeting to Monday November 29th due to the holidays. Councilperson Hicks 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 move the 2nd Council Meeting to Tuesday December 28th due to the holidays. 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 REPORT – Mayor Bradley gave an update on the 8885 Gadsden Hwy property; Newman’s Septic should be starting the work on the engineered system around the week of November 15th. Applications are available now through December 3rd. The gifts will be disbursed at the Christmas parade on December 11th. Mayor Bradley also informed the public that anyone receiving gifts from Christmas for Kids, will also receive a box of food from the food bank, a Christmas meal.

CITY ATTORNEY –No new business.

Mr. Corky Massey noted that he has had several door hangers on his businesses in recent weeks and is very appreciative of the police department for keeping an eye on the local businesses.

The question was asked where could toys or donations be dropped off for Christmas for Kids; they can be dropped off at the fire department, police department, city hall, Hill Top Farms, Dollar General, Argo Hardware, Buckeye’s grocery. Mayor Bradley also noted that the police and fire departments are assisting with the Christmas for Kids program.

Mr. McPherson spoke on the streetlights being put up around the city, he believes it’s a great asset to the city, and is very appreciative. Mayor Bradley also thanked him for his generous donation to the food bank for his fresh vegetables.

Beth King spoke on the road, about Roulain Rd, needing to be striped.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson reminded everyone to vote for the property tax increase on November 16th.

Councilperson Brown made the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. 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.


Councilperson Brown made the motion to adjourn the meeting and not reconvene after the executive session. Councilperson Hicks 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, meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tiffany Westbrook, City Clerkp