## RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CITY OF ARGO

Date: 08/08/2022 Time: 5:33 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson, 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 58 calls for the month of July and issued 8 burn permits, and 40 medical calls, 1 trash fire and responded to 3 tree/power lines down. Chief Payne also update the council they have completed the letter drive and have started received donations from it.

**POLICE REPORT** – Captain Alan Busler gave the monthly police report, they had 285 dispatched for the month of July, 13 felony arrests, 18 misdemeanor arrests, 8 K-9 calls, 5 domestic violence calls, and no animal calls for the month. Mayor Bradley asked Capt. Busler if there were any extra precautions the PD was taking with school starting back, he did say they were in the process of getting the bus stop moved from Trace Way to make it safer.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve the Regular meeting minutes and Work Session minutes as presented from 7/25/2022. 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 motioned to approve the 36-month lease, \$396 per month, agreement with Charter Spectrum. 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 Bradley read aloud the resignation letter for Councilperson Hicks. He and his family will be moving outside the city limits. Councilperson Hicks thanked the Mayor and Council for everything over his time on the council. Each of the council members thanked Councilperson Hicks for his time as well.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson motioned to approve accepting the resignation letter for Councilperson Hicks. 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 Pro-Tem Stinson motioned to approve Resolution 2022-08-08, A Resolution Declaring a Vacancy in a Place on the City Council of the City of Argo, Alabama. Councilperson McCarley 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 will be accepting Letters of Interest, to be turned into the city clerk no later than Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup>, at 12pm. There will be an open meeting work session at 9AM Friday August 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss/interview the candidates who turn in letters.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson motioned to suspend the rules to add engineering proposal to the agenda. Councilperson McCarley 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.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson motioned to approve the engineering proposal for the contract/invoice from Majors Enterprises, Inc, in the amount of \$2,700. 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.

MAYOR REPORT –Mayor Bradley let everyone know that the city received the second half of the ARPA funds. She would like to start budget work sessions the last week of August. The city has also received the \$3900 for the tourism grant. Mayor Bradley has been in contact with Mr. Rex Howard and the city is next on his list, weather permitting they will start on the project next week. She also wanted to inform everyone that ECOSouth has sent notice there will be a 3.5% increase starting in September. We will also have a zoning meeting on Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at city hall.

**CITY ATTORNEY** –No new business.

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

APPROVED:

Betty Bradley, Mayor

Tiffany Westbrook, City Clerk

ATTEST: