

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 09/12/2022

Time: 5:50 PM

Place: Municipal Complex

Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Dennis Griffin

Councilperson Thomas Suggs (sworn in at 5:50pm)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dusty Stinson-Absent

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 Mrs. Beth King, and the pledge of allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Judge Carl Chamblee was in attendance tonight's meet to swear in the city council's newest member, Thomas Suggs, Judge Chamblee had Mr. Suggs swear his oath of office and was presented as the newest member and took his seat with the rest of the council.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Scott Payne gave the monthly fire report. The fire department had a total of 55 calls for the month of August and issued 5 burn permits, and 39 medical calls, 6 MVC's, 2 tree/power lines down.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Glenn Wells gave the monthly police report, they had 193 dispatched for the month of August, 6 felony arrests, 14 misdemeanor arrests, 3 K-9 calls, and 2 domestic violence calls for the month.

Councilperson Griffin motioned to approve the Regular meeting minutes and Work Session minutes with correction from 8/22/2022. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Suggs-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-abstain, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve the Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement with Norfolk Southern. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Suggs-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mrs. Melissa Veasey from Mountain Oaks subdivision was present at tonight's meeting, she expressed concern about the deteriorating road conditions in their neighborhood and asked if the city would be willing to possibly put up a match if the residents came up with a portion of the money. Michael Brymer, city attorney, apologized to Mrs. Veasey and stated he understands her frustrations, and spoke on the matter, he explained to her that unfortunately the city couldn't do this, as there are case laws and city laws that are very clear on this matter. He suggested forming a HOA, starting there. There was a long discussion about the issue, attorney Brymer told Mrs. Veasey she he would be happy talk more about the situation after the meeting. Councilperson Brown did speak briefly on the subject, she is in a similar situation, she and some of her neighbors created a HOA in her subdivision, she gave Mrs. Veasey her card and said she would be willing to help her in anyway she could.

Mayor Bradley has asked the council to consider not renting the room in city hall, in recent events there have been parties that have gone well past the time they were supposed to, use of unauthorized areas, and she just feels it's a risk for the city. Councilperson Griffin motioned to not renting the room at city hall, unless it's a civic group during regular business hours, Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM. Councilperson Suggs seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Suggs-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Brown motioned to adopt the vacation policy amendment. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Suggs-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-abstained. Motion carried. Mayor Bradley abstained due to the policy giving her the authority to approve the payouts.

Councilperson Brown motioned to approve the business license issuance fee from \$12 to \$14. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Suggs-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Brown went over the Monster Mash Budget with the council during the work session. Councilperson McCarley motioned to approve Councilperson Brown to spend \$3900, which is the amount received from the tourism grant, for the budget she presented. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Suggs-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-abstain, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson McCarley sent the mayor information on the Alabama Association of Floodplain Managers conference in Orange Beach, discussion was held during the work session, since Councilperson McCarley is the city's floodplain manager he would like to go as it would be beneficial.

Councilperson Griffin motioned to suspend the rules to add AAFM to the agenda. Councilperson Suggs seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Suggs-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Griffin motioned to approve sending Councilperson McCarley to the AAFM Fall Conference in Orange Beach, October 17th-19th 2022. Councilperson Brown seconded the

motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Suggs-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

MAYOR REPORT –Mayor Bradley let everyone there will be a budget work session tomorrow night, Tuesday September 13th, 2022, at 5pm. She would like for everyone to start thinking about dates for the Christmas parade. Goodwin, Mills, & Cawood will be attending the next meeting to discuss the city’s progression with the steering committee, and what the next steps are.

CITY ATTORNEY –No new business.

Councilperson Brown mentioned that she is still looking for volunteers and workers for the games and food for the Monster Mash on Saturday October 29th, the time will either be 4-6 or 4-7, more details to come.

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

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tiffany Westbrook, City Clerk