

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 12/12/2022

Time: 5:56 PM

Place: Municipal Complex

**Regular Meeting**

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Dennis Griffin

Councilperson Thomas Suggs

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 Chief Scott Payne, 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 45 calls for the month of November, issued 8 burn permits, 21 medical calls, 6 MVC's, 14 assists, Mayor Bradley asked about the fire on Blackjack, Chief Payne informed everyone that it is an actual dump, and the reason it is still burning, is due to the instability of the ground. It has been a dump since the 1980's if firefighters were to try go out with equipment and such on the land, they run the risk of collapse.

**POLICE REPORT** – Chief Glenn Wells gave the monthly police report, they had 210 dispatched for the month of November, 2 felony arrests, 11 misdemeanor arrests, 2 K-9 calls, resulting in 2 arrests, 11 fire department assists, 3 animal complaints.

Mayor Bradley did thank the Beta Club, Crosspoint Church, Springville Softball team, St. Clair County High School Drama club have all been very gracious and taken donations and brought them the Argo Community food bank and have really helped our clients this season.

Councilperson Suggs motioned to approve the Regular meeting minutes and Work Session minutes from 11/28/2022. 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.

Councilperson Griffin left the room and recused himself at the advice of the city attorney for the next item on the agenda.

Mayor Bradley asked the council for approval for payment of electrical work done by councilperson Griffin for various jobs, one of which was an emergency situation. There was a long discussion about the matter. Councilperson McCarley motioned to approve paying the invoice to G&A Electrical Services in the amount of \$325. Councilperson Suggs seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-recused, Suggs-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-abstain. Motion carried. Mayor Bradley felt she should abstain from voting since she was involved in contacting Councilperson Griffin.

Councilperson Brown motioned to suspend the rules to add to the agenda the funding of the employees Christmas party/Chief retirement party \$1368 not used from the general fund from the Monster Mash. 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 motioned to approve the \$1368 that was not used from the Monster Mash be used for the employees Christmas party/Chief retirement party. 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 Griffin motioned to suspend the rules to add VP Roofing & Renovations estimate to the agenda. 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.

Councilperson Griffin motioned to approve up to \$4810, this includes the \$4,160 original quote, plus \$650 extra if needed, to VP Roofing and Renovations. 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.

Councilperson Brown motioned to suspend the rules to add the incumbent chiefs pay. 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 motioned to change the incumbent chief's pay to hourly rather than salary, which is \$25.14, with the possibility of overtime of after 86 hours. 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 Griffin stated that, so it is on the record the mayor does approve all overtime.

**MAYOR REPORT** –Mayor Bradley reminded everyone that City Hall will be closed Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Monday December 26<sup>th</sup>, and Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The giveaway will be the Wednesday after the Christmas parade, December 14<sup>th</sup>, from 4-6pm. The last council meeting for the year will be next Monday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Chief Glenn Wells will be retiring January 1. The employee Christmas party will be Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. She thanked

the organizers and everyone who helped with the Christmas parade this year. Anthony Dickey, Corky Massey was in attendance tonight, Chris & Christy McCombs, Ronnie Foster, Chris Headage, Alabama Towing, Opie Norris, Ann & Ron Brown, and anyone she left out. Mayor Bradley also thanked the police and fire for their help with the parade as well.

**CITY ATTORNEY** –No new business.

Councilperson Brown mentioned that Argo Christian Fellowship is selling pecans, \$13, halves and large pieces, contact her or anyone at the church they are this year's crop.

Mr. Massey did speak on the parade, on how well the parade went and how much he enjoyed doing it.

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

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tiffany Westbrook, City Clerk