

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 3/27/23

Time: 5:38 PM

Place: Municipal Complex

Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Dennis Griffin

Councilperson Thomas Suggs

Mayor Pro-Tem 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 Pastor Paul Brasher, and the pledge of allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson motioned to approve the work session minutes and the regular meeting minutes as presented 3/13/2023. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Suggs-yea, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Brown motioned to table the Assignment & Assumption of Promissory Note on the 8885 Gadsden Hwy Property. Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Suggs-yea, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson motioned to approve the sign request presented by Reliable Signs for Central Baptist Church for a their new sign. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Suggs-yea, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Of note the sign Reliable Signs has contacted the State and since the sign will still be within the limits of the right of way the State does not require anything.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stinson motioned to approve the hiring of the part time city clerk, Tabitha Hanner, and full-time maintenance personnel, Trevor Staggs. Councilperson Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Suggs-yea, Stinson-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY – No new business.

MAYOR REPORT -Mayor Bradley reminded everyone that City Hall will be closed on Thursday April 6th, 2023, for mandatory magistrate training, she also wanted to let everyone know that the next public zoning meeting is Tuesday April 18th at 6pm at City Hall. It has been posted in the St. Clair Times, and Trussville Tribune, as well as the city website and the city's Facebook page. The city will also have banners made and placed throughout the city as they did for the previous meetings. The pipe on Cedar Creek has been replaced, as well as the pipe where Mr. Vincent lived on Cedar Creek was cleaned out. Officer Pippin is leaving, he will be going to Springville, the PD has hired 3 part time Jefferson County Deputies for fill-ins. Mayor Bradley briefly mentioned to the council they received estimates in their packets for a building inspector, as well as zoning classes. She will be appointing the Planning and Zoning Board at the next meeting Monday April 10th, she thanked all the applicants for coming out tonight.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Ms. Kelsey Painter spoke tonight on behalf of the Briar Ridge Community, she came before the council to ask the city for help and suggestions as to what to do to get their roads fixed. She stated that the majority of their subdivision is mostly elderly and lower income, and the roads are becoming increasingly dangerous, and their HOA simply cannot afford to fix the roads.

Attorney Payne spoke at length about the situation, he sympathized with her as he was in a similar situation once. He told her that there was not anything the city could do at this point until the roads were brought up to minimum standards.

Ms. Kim Quick asked about the road repair that was done on the road she lived on, she wanted to know if the section was going to be paved. Mayor Bradley told her the area would not be paved, Mr. Arwine may come back once the area has settled and add more gravel to the area, but the work is completed.

Mr. Paul Jennings wanted to express his concern about the red light at the railroad crossing since he drives a bus, he does not think it is working properly. He stated that he used to be able to get through the light without having to wait, now he is not able to make it through and has to wait and would like to city to try to remedy this. Mayor Bradley and Chief Busler both stated that Stone & Son have been out multiple times and the last time they were out they replaced the entire controller box and everything is in working order. Mr. Jennings also wanted to thank Sgt. Como for following his bus in the mornings, he says this is a tremendous help.

Mr. Andrew Stephenson, also a resident from the Briar Ridge subdivision, expressed his concern about the deteriorating road conditions. He stated that they got a quote to see how much it would cost to fix the roads correctly, and it was over a million dollars. He doesn't understand how he lives in Argo and his taxes go to the city, but he can't get the roads fixed. Mayor Bradley explained to him that he is in the city limits, but the roads in the subdivision were never brought up to code, and never brought into the city so therefore they aren't maintained by the city. He also expressed how it's not right the people in his community are having to get maintenance on their cars sooner than they should due to the conditions of the road, and it's taking money out of their pockets.

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

APPROVED:

Handwritten signature of Betty Bradley in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.

Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Tiffany Westbrook in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.

Tiffany Westbrook, City Clerk