

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 6/26/2023
Time: 5:33 PM
Place: Municipal Complex
Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Dennis Griffin
Councilperson Thomas Suggs
Councilperson Rick Hopkins
Councilperson Danny McCarley
Mayor Pro-Tem 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 roll call is listed above.

The invocation was given by Rick Hopkins, and the pledge of allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

FIRE REPORT – Fire Chief Scott Payne gave the fire report for the month of May. Argo FD had a total of 41 calls in May.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown motioned to approve the Regular meeting minutes and Work Session minutes from 6/12/2023 with correction mentioned during the Work Session. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-abstain, Suggs-yea, Hopkins-yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yes, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to accept the Cyber Insurance Package in the amount of \$10,600. Mayor-Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Suggs-yea, Hopkins- yea. McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Suggs made a motion to allow the Argo Police Department surplus three old PD vehicles and send them auction. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion and read off the vehicles as follows: 2015 Dodge Charger ending VIN#28990, 2015 Dodge Charger ending VIN#28991, and 2008 Ford Crown Vic ending VIN#44242. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Suggs-yea, Hopkins – yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Griffin made a motion to approve the invoice from Goodwin, Mills, and Cawood for survey work done and HWY 11 and Argo-Margaret Rd. This money has been previously

approved to come from the Covid Relief Funds account. Councilperson Hopkins seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Suggs-yea, Hopkins – yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Griffin made a motion to approve the \$3,696.50 invoice from PlumbOne for the emergency septic tank repairs made at City Hall on June 16th. Councilperson Hopkins seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Suggs-yea, Hopkins – yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to approve the hiring of new full-time city clerk, Tommie Ebner. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Suggs-yea, Hopkins – yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve a \$2 raise for a period of three months for Court Clerk Casie Bethune. The purpose of this raise, as discussed in the work session, is for the additional workload placed on Casie during the training period of the new city clerks. Regular rate of pay will resume after three months. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Suggs-yea, Hopkins – yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Griffin made a motion to approve the hiring of new city maintenance worker, Greg Stewart. This is a position already approved by the council and already in the budget. Councilperson Hopkins seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Suggs-yea, Hopkins – yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Griffin made a motion to suspend regular council meeting rules to add an item to the agenda: closing city hall on July 3rd. Councilperson Hopkins seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Suggs-yea, Hopkins – yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Griffin made a motion to allow City Hall to close on July 3rd. Councilperson Suggs seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Suggs-yea, Hopkins – yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to suspend regular council meeting rules to add an item to the agenda: sending Councilperson Griffin to Leadership St. Clair County. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yea, Suggs-yea, Hopkins – yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson McCarley made a motion to approve sending Councilperson Griffin to Leadership St. Clair County training. The city gets one free attendee per year. Councilperson Hopkins

seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-abstain, Suggs-yea, Hopkins – yea, McCarley-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried. Corky Massey offered to sponsor sending Chief Busler to the same leadership training session.

MAYOR REPORT – Nothing to report.

CITY COUNCIL – Mayor Pro-Tem Brown thanked Argo PD for patrolling around Argo Christian Fellowship during the church construction and encouraged the community to check out the new facilities at the church.

CITY ATTORNEY – No new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments.

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

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tabitha Hanner, City Clerk