

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 8/14/2023
Time: 5:53 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

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

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.

Councilperson McCarley motioned to approve the Regular meeting minutes and Work Session minutes from 7/24/2023. Councilperson Hopkins seconded the motion.

Councilperson Griffin motioned to approve the Regular meeting minutes and Work Session minutes from 7/24/2023 with changes discussed in the Work Session. (Changing Councilperson Griffin's absence from the 7/24/23 Work Session to Present since he arrived before the work session was concluded.) 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.

James Curlee addressed the council to make the council/city aware of charitable organizations raising money to build clean water wells in Ethiopia.

The City Attorney opened the sealed bid for the City Hall roof repairs. The bid is from Malone Roofing in the amount of \$64,600.00 He stated that all the bonding documents were included, and everything looks to be in order based on the City's requirements.

Councilperson Griffin motioned to accept the roofing bid with the contingency that the City's insurance company approves. Funds for roof repair will come out of Capital Improvement monies. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin- yea, Suggs- yea, McCarley-yea, Hopkins-yea, Brown-yea and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Bradley presented the two applicants to fill the vacant Planning and Zoning Commission seat. The two applicants were Corky Massey and Beth King. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown motioned to appoint Beth King to fill the vacant seat. Councilperson McCarely seconded. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin- NO, Suggs- NO, McCarley-yea, Hopkins-yea, Brown-yea, and Mayor Bradley-abstain. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown motioned to approve Resolution 2023-08-14: Adopting Transportation Plan Pursuant to the Rebuild Alabama Act (Act 2019-2). Councilperson McCarely seconded. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin- yea, Suggs- yea, McCarley-yea, Hopkins-yea, Brown-yea and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Griffin made a motion to approve payment of \$5,000 invoice from AMIC Insurance for the deductible from the lawsuit claim that the Briar Ridge Homeowner's Association made against the city's insurance. Councilperson Hopkins seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin- yea, Suggs- yea, McCarley-yea, Hopkins-yea, Brown-yea and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown motioned to accept Greg Stewart's resignation letter. Councilperson McCarely seconded. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin- yea, Suggs- yea, McCarley-yea, Hopkins-yea, Brown-yea and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Payne gave the monthly fire report noting that Argo FD responded to 50 calls in July. He also reported that the Fire Department has received an \$80,000 FEMA grant for an SCBA air compressor and Jorel Barrett has been promoted to Lieutenant.

POLICE REPORT – Police Chief Alan Busler gave the monthly Police Report. He explained to the council the new monthly report format that comes straight from dispatch. There were 476 total calls for Argo PD in July.

Councilperson Griffin motioned to suspend the rules to add item to the agenda: Approval of invoice to repair the city tractor. Councilperson McCarely seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin- yea, Suggs- yea, McCarley-yea, Hopkins-yea, Brown-yea and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Griffin motioned to approve the invoice in the amount of \$617.08 to repair the city tractor. Councilperson McCarely seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin- yea, Suggs- yea, McCarley-yea, Hopkins-yea, Brown-yea and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown motioned to suspend the rules to add a vote about the city's fall festival to the agenda. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin- yea, Suggs- yea, McCarley-yea, Hopkins-yea, Brown-yea and Mayor Bradley-yea. Motion carried.

Councilperson Griffin motioned to approve the spending of \$5,000 on the Fall Festival. The money will come from the General Fund. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown seconded the motion. Mayor

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

MAYORS REPORT – Relay for Life will be September 16th. Fliers are available at City Hall.

The Special Call Public Hearing for the Planning and Zoning commission will be on Tuesday, August 29th. Work Session at 5pm and Meeting at 6pm.

Argo Fall Festival will be October 21st from 2pm-4pm.

CITY COUNCIL – No new business.

CITY ATTORNEY- No new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

John Sydney spoke about the sink hole on Roulain Rd. The city will look into it.

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

APPROVED:



Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tommie Ebner, City Clerk