

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 11/14/2023
Time: 5:39 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 Councilperson Hopkins, and the pledge of allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Councilperson Hopkins motioned to approve the Regular meeting minutes and Work Session minutes from 9/25/2023. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin – yes, Suggs- yes, McCarley-yes, Hopkins-yes, Brown-yes, and Mayor Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Bryan Newell, Candidate for the Third Congressional District, addressed the council and the citizens.

Keith Norsworthy addressed the council with concerns about a mobile home moved in too close to his property line.

Councilperson Griffin motioned to suspend the rules to add items to the night's agenda. Councilperson Hopkins seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin – yes, Suggs- yes, McCarley-yes, Hopkins-abstain, Brown-yes, and Mayor Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hopkins motioned to add three items to the agenda: Resolution 2023-11-14 to set a Public Hearing for consideration of Ordinance No. 2023-007, approval of quote for landscaping around City Hall, and Ordinance No. 2023-11-14 Declaring a Moratorium on the Acceptance of any applications and issuance of any permits for manufactured homes, mobile homes, modular homes, and recreational vehicles placement within Argo. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin – yes, Suggs- yes, McCarley-yes, Hopkins-abstain, Brown-yes, and Mayor Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hopkins motioned to approve Resolution 2023-11-14: Setting a Public Hearing for Consideration of Ordinance No. 2023-007, the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Argo, Alabama. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin – yes, Suggs- yes, McCarley-yes, Hopkins-abstain, Brown-yes, and Mayor Bradley-yes. Motion carried. Public Hearing is set for December 11, 2023, at 6pm.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to accept the quote for the Full Scope of Work from Grace Landscaping and Lighting Company (option 1 in the quote) in the amount of \$12,375. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin – yes, Suggs- yes, McCarley-yes, Hopkins-abstain, Brown-yes, and Mayor Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hopkins motioned to approve the amended plot maps for Grants Crossing. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin – yes, Suggs- yes, McCarley-yes, Hopkins-abstain, Brown-yes, and Mayor Bradley-yes. Motion carried. Public Hearing is set for December 11, 2023, at 6pm.

Councilperson Hopkins motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-11-14: Declaring a Moratorium on the Acceptance of Any Applications and Issuance of Any permits for Manufactured Homes, Mobile Homes, Modular Homes, and Recreational Vehicles Placement within the Corporate Limits of the City of Argo. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin – yes, Suggs- yes, McCarley-yes, Hopkins-abstain, Brown-yes, and Mayor Bradley-yes. Motion carried. Public Hearing is set for December 11, 2023, at 6pm.

Mayor Pro-tem Brown motioned to approve the quote for new radios for the Police and Fire Departments, in the amount of \$181,783.90. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin – yes, Suggs- yes, McCarley-yes, Hopkins-abstain, Brown-yes, and Mayor Bradley-yes. Motion carried. Public Hearing is set for December 11, 2023, at 6pm.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Payne gave the monthly fire report noting that Argo FD responded to a total of 70 calls in October, including 37 Medical Calls and 8 Brush Fires. Chief Payne reminded everyone that Argo is still under a Burn Ban.

POLICE REPORT – Police Chief Alan Busler gave the monthly Police Report. There were 658 total calls for Argo PD in October. Chief Busler also addressed the issue of information being released during active calls and/or when minors are involved. He assured that if there is matter of public safety, information will be disseminated to the community.

Chief Busler promoted Office Cason Davis to Corporal during the council meeting. Corporal Davis recently held K9 Officer Training at City Hall which was attended by K9 units from across the state.

MAYORS REPORT – Christmas Parade is December 9th at 10am. Rain makeup day is scheduled for December 16th. Applications to enter the parade can be picked up at Hilltop Farms or City Hall.

Christmas for Kids is now accepting applications. Those can be picked up at City Hall. The deadline to apply is November 30th. Questions can be directed to Michelle Coalson or City Hall. Donations for Christmas for Kids can be dropped off at City Hall. Christmas for Kids families will also be getting food from the Argo Food Bank.

CITY COUNCIL – No new business.

CITY ATTORNEY- No new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments.

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

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Betty Bradley", written over a horizontal line.

Betty Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tommie Ebner", written over a horizontal line.

Tommie Ebner, City Clerk