

# RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CITY OF ARGO

Date: 4/14/2025  
Time: 5:28 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 Betty Bradley called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call. Roll was called 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.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Council Meeting from March 24, 2025. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -abstain, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley-yes, Brown-yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve payment to Wiregrass Construction for Project -1617351 totaling \$708,563.70. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley-yes, Brown- yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to table Steve and Cindy Jones – De-Annex 8740 Will Keith Road. Councilperson Hopkins seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley-yes, Brown- yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve the re-subdivision of the Rainbow Ridge/Cedar Creek Subdivision from three (3) lots to two (2) lots. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley-yes, Brown- yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to approve the purchase of pine straw for City Hall, not

to exceed \$600.00. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley-yes, Brown- yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

**POLICE REPORT** – Chief Busler gave the monthly police report, noting that the Argo Police Department responded to a total of 557 calls in March 2025. He also reported that new hire Evan Wills is performing well in the Police Academy.

**FIRE REPORT** – Lieutenant Griffith presented the monthly fire report, noting that the Argo Fire Department responded to a total of 70 calls in March 2025. He stated that the increase in calls was due to recent weather conditions and brush fires.

Mayor Bradley reported that she has contacted Candice with the Economic Development Council (EDC) regarding the proposed storm shelter and is currently awaiting her response.

Corkey Massey stated that the property has been surveyed for the potential location of the storm shelter.

#### **CITY ATTORNEY –**

**MAYOR REPORT** – The Mayor and City Council agreed to hold the mid-year budget review on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 5:30 PM

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Citizen Alan Thomas addressed the Mayor and Council with concerns regarding a decrease in revenue and emphasized the importance of being good stewards of public funds during the upcoming budget review. He also suggested the installation of additional traffic signs to assist drivers and proposed the consideration of a traffic light at the I-59 northbound exit to help alleviate traffic issues.

Citizen Corkey Massey reassured Alan Thomas of his confidence in the Mayor and Council, stating that they are good stewards of public funds and watch every penny. He also expressed his gratitude to the Police Department for their assistance at his storage unit.

Mayor Bradley stated that the city had attempted to work with ALDOT regarding improvements to the I-59 Exit. She noted that the decision ultimately lies with the State.

Mayor Bradley addressed the issues surrounding the City's efforts to obtain a post office. She explained that she and Mayor Pro-Tem Brown had traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate on behalf of the city; however, the decision ultimately lies with the U.S. Postmaster. Argo Pharmacy has allowed a U.S. Postal Service drop box to be placed at their building to assist residents.

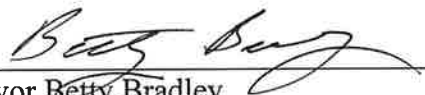
Citizen Steve Jones inquired about when the de-annexation topic would be placed back on the agenda.

Citizen Michelle Coalson expressed her concern regarding the tabling of the de-annexation item, stating that it should have received a "nay" vote. She concluded by stating that she would return when the item is placed back on the agenda.

Councilperson McCarley reported receiving a complaint from a resident regarding large trucks traveling on Tom L. Smith Road. The City Attorney stated that the city cannot restrict large trucks from using the road.

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor Betty Bradley

ATTEST:

  
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Amanda McCurdy, City Clerk