RECORD OF COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES CITY OF ARGO

Date: 4/14/2025 **Time:** 5:02 PM

Place: Municipal Complex

Work Session

The City Council for the City of Argo met on Monday, April 14, 2025, for a work session. The meeting was held at the Municipal Complex located at 100 Blackjack Road, Argo, AL 35173.

The roll call is as follows:

Councilperson Dennis Griffin Councilperson Thomas Suggs Councilperson Rick Hopkins Councilperson Danny McCarley Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Brown Mayor Betty Bradley

The work session consisted of discussion on April 14, 2025, regular council meeting agenda.

Citizens Steve and Cindy Jones appeared before the Mayor and Council to formally request the deannexation of their property located at 8740 Will Keith Road (Parcel #10 00 22 2 000 0001.03).

The Joneses explained that the property currently falls within the Clay-Chalkville school district. Their son intends to build a home on the property and wishes for his children to attend schools in the Trussville City School System. To facilitate this, the City of Trussville has expressed interest in annexing the property into its city limits.

The Mayor and Council expressed concerns regarding the deannexation request but acknowledged the Joneses' situation and their desire to remain within the Trussville School System. The Council recommended that the Joneses speak with the St. Clair County Board of Education to explore the possibility of the property being accepted into the county school district before any decisions are made.

Mayor Bradley informed the Council of a recent incident at the city park in which the sidewalk was defaced with graffiti. She noted that this is not an isolated event, referencing both recent and past incidents of vandalism in the park.

To help deter future occurrences and aid in identifying those responsible, Mayor Bradley suggested the possible installation of game cameras in strategic locations throughout the park to assist with monitoring activities.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown expressed interest in making improvements to the city park. She stated that she would compile a list of needed items, which may include rubber mulch, benches, and picnic tables.

In addition, it was noted that there are several dead trees in the park that need to be addressed. Public Works will evaluate the condition of the trees to determine whether the issue can be handled in-house or if the services of a professional tree company will be required.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

AMANDA MCCURDY, CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

BETTY BRADLEY, MAYOR