

# RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CITY OF ARGO

Date: 4/28/2025

Time: 5:20 PM

Place: Municipal Complex

**Regular Meeting**

## ROLL CALL

Councilperson Dennis Griffin

Councilperson Thomas Suggs

Councilperson Rick Hopkins

Councilperson Danny McCarley-absent

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 April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, Brown- yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes of the Budget Meeting from April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -, Suggs- abstain, Hopkins-yes, Brown- yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

The request from Steve and Cindy Jones to de-annex 8740 Will Keith Road, died due to the lack of a motion.

## **PUBLIC HEARING- Rezoning of 1326 US Highway 11, Trussville, AL 35173.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve Rezoning of 1326 US Highway 11, Trussville, AL 35173. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, Brown- yes, Bradley-abstain. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to support the Springville Varsity Softball Team with a donation of \$1,000.00. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for

roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, Brown- yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to table Sain Associates Culvert Repair Estimates. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, Brown- yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to suspend the rules and add Line Item 12, "Replacement and Repair of Picnic Tables in the Park," to the agenda. Councilperson Hopkins seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, Brown- yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown made a motion to approve the purchase of five (5) bench tops and two (2) leg pedestals for picnic tables from Sylvia's Birdbath & Beyond, totaling \$260.00. The purchase is to be paid out of the Park Funds. Councilperson Hopkins seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, Brown- yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

#### **CITY ATTORNEY –**

#### **MAYOR REPORT –**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Citizen Steve Jones addressed the Mayor and Council, stating that he was not trying to harm the City of Argo with the request to de-annex the property located at 8740 Will Keith Road. Cindy Jones added that she had complied with all requests previously made by the Mayor and Council. They emphasized that the de-annexation request was not financially motivated and offered to pay the City of Argo \$50,000.00 as part of the de-annexation process.

Citizen Logan Colafrancesco addressed the Mayor and Council to express concerns about ongoing speeding issues on Hickory Valley Road. He stated that the problem involves not only residents, but also delivery vehicles such as Metro box trucks, Amazon vans, and eighteen-wheelers. He reported that school buses are being illegally passed while stopped and emphasized that multiple children regularly play in front yards along the road. Mr. Colafrancesco described the speeding as a constant and worsening issue, warning that someone is going to get hurt if action is not taken. He requested the installation of a speed bump to help address the danger.

Mayor Bradley acknowledged the issue and stated that the Argo Police Department has issued citations for speeding and for passing stopped school buses. She asked Police Chief Alan Busler for his input.

Chief Busler agreed that the situation warrants further action and expressed support for the installation of speed bumps to help address the ongoing safety concerns.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown agreed that it is time for the city to seriously consider the installation of speed bumps to address the ongoing safety concerns on Hickory Valley Road.

Mayor Bradley added that the City would need to involve the City Engineer in the process to

ensure proper installation and to avoid any potential liability for damages.

Citizen Clay Williams also addressed the Mayor and Council, stating that he wanted to be on record echoing the concerns raised about speeding on Hickory Valley Road. Mr. Williams shared that he was nearly run off the road while jogging and had to file a police report regarding the incident. He expressed deep concern for the safety of children in the area, emphasizing that the streets should be safe for families and pedestrians—not for reckless driving. Mr. Williams pleaded with the Council to move forward with installing speed bumps, stressing that the situation must stop. He also noted that his mailbox has been struck and is now barely standing.

Citizen Howard Hartley also voiced concern, stating his mailbox had been knocked down four times due to speeding. He noted that other cities have installed speed bumps, and he urged the City of Argo to find a solution, emphasizing that the issue should not be ignored.

Citizen Michelle Coalson thanked the Mayor and Council for standing firm and not giving away the City of Argo through de-annexation. She expressed concern that a previous de-annexation appeared to result in financial gain for the party involved. Ms. Coalson also stated that she is considering running for City Council.

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

  
Mayor Betty Bradley

ATTEST:

  
Amanda McCurdy, City Clerk