

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CITY OF ARGO

Date: 5/12/2025

Time: 5:48 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 April 28th, 2025. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley -abstain, Brown-yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to reschedule the next City Council meeting to Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 5:00 PM, due to the Memorial Day holiday. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown 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 **Ordinance 2025-05-07(305)**, imposing a qualification fee in the amount of \$50.00 for candidates seeking election as a councilmember or mayor. 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 the proposal from Prosper IT Services until additional quotes could be provided to the City. Councilperson McCarley 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.

POLICE REPORT –Corporal Davis gave the monthly police report, noting that the Argo Police Department responded to a total of 417 calls in April 2025. He also reminded the Mayor and Council that the current week is recognized as National Police Week.

FIRE REPORT - Lieutenant Barrett presented the monthly fire report, noting that the Argo Fire Department responded to 37 calls and issued 12 burn permits during the reporting period.

Mayor Bradley thanked the Argo Fire Department for their quick response and efforts in saving her husband’s life. She expressed her sincere appreciation to the entire department.

CITY ATTORNEY – Michael Brymer, the City Attorney, informed the Mayor and Council that Margaret Waterworks is in the process of updating the rates outlined in the franchise agreement.

MAYOR REPORT –

COUNCIL REPORT- Councilperson Griffin informed the Mayor and Council that he will be attending the 2025 Annual Alabama League of Municipalities Convention, scheduled for May 13–16 in Huntsville, Alabama. He stated that he is honored to represent the City of Argo at the event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Citizen Michelle Coalson addressed the Mayor and Council, stating that she has been involved with Argo Christmas for Kids for the past seven years. She expressed interest in organizing a toy drive and collecting donations in July for the 2025 Argo Christmas for Kids program.

Additionally, with the assistance of citizen Alan Thomas, she proposed organizing a City Clean-Up Day in June to help pick up trash throughout the community. She requested that the city provide services to support the event and ensure public safety.

Ms. Coalson also inquired whether citizens are allowed to install speed bumps, noting that she had found options available for as little as \$200.00.

Mayor Bradley stated that more information regarding the installation of speed bumps will be available at the next scheduled council meeting. She noted that a study will be required to assess liability, and that the city engineers will need to be involved in the process.

Citizen Corkey Massey expressed concern that residents may complain about the installation of speed bumps. He also noted that the expense of removing speed bumps is about the same as installing them. Additionally, he stated that officers issuing citations would help address the speeding problem.

Mayor Betty Bradley informed attendees that the Argo Police Department is currently issuing citations and actively working to slow down drivers. She emphasized that speeding in the area is out of control.

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:



Mayor Betty Bradley

ATTEST:



Amanda McCurdy, City Clerk