

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CITY OF ARGO

Date: 6/23/2025

Time: 5:43

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 June 9th, 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.

Councilperson McCarley made a motion to accept the NetGuard Plus Cyber Liability Insurance policy in the amount of \$2,515.38. 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 made a motion to table the agenda item regarding the sinkhole on Country View Road. 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.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to approve the purchase of the Evolution 5150 Device and FBI-certified printer for a total of \$16,055.00, with the expenditure to come from the General Fund. 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.

CITY ATTORNEY –

MAYOR REPORT- Mayor Bradley made the following announcements:

Candidate qualification ends Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

The Parcels Express Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.

The St. Clair County Mayors' Association meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 25, at the Ragland Municipal Complex beginning at 7:30 a.m.

City Hall will be closed on Thursday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day.

Mayor Bradley named the qualified candidates as of June 23, 2025, for the upcoming municipal election as follows:

Mayor: Randy Hettich and Paul Jennings

Place 1: Michelle Coalson and Dennis Griffin

Place 2: Tommy Suggs

Place 3: Rick Hopkins and Stephanie Hynes

Place 4: Ronnie Bowman and Mike King

Place 5: Corky Massey and Alan Thomas

COUNCIL REPORT- Mayor Pro-Tem Brown shared with the Mayor and Council that a citizen had donated \$250.00 for the purchase of library books for the Argo Book Nook and expressed her gratitude to the citizen for the generous donation.

Councilperson Suggs thanked everyone who participated in the City-Wide Clean-Up Day

Councilperson Griffin noted that they had filled 15 large bags with trash and debris collected from the sides of the roadway.

Councilperson Hopkins passed along a message to the Mayor that a sign was needed in Brookstone Place. He also mentioned that the grant cycle had opened and asked for future project ideas to consider for funding.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Citizen Michille Coalson thanked everyone who participated in City-wide Cleanup Day and requested that toy donations for the "Toys for Kids" program be stored at City Hall. She also asked the Mayor and Council for permission to personally clear brush from the roadway.

Mayor Bradley stated that Ms. Coalson could proceed with the work at her own risk, noting that she is not a city employee and the City will not be responsible for any damage or liability.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown suggested creating a list of ditches that need to be cleaned out to have a starting point for making improvements.

Citizen Corky Massey stated that he has tried to bring a business to the corner of his Roulain Road property. He mentioned that he had spoken with multiple stores about locating there. He also expressed concerns about the Margaret Sewer system and emphasized the importance of ensuring that the City of Argo would be able to purchase sewer impact fees when the treatment plant reaches capacity.

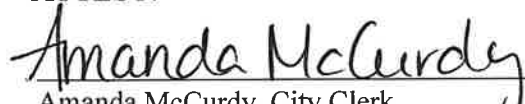
City Attorney Chesley Payne reassured the Council and citizens that he was working to ensure Argo sewer customers would be treated fairly and not required to pay more than their share. He also suggested that the City of Margaret establish a sewer board that includes a representative from the City of Argo. Chesley noted that the City of Margaret was waiting to obtain a new city attorney before the franchise fee could move forward.

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:


Mayor Betty Bradley

ATTEST:


Amanda McCurdy, City Clerk