

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CITY OF ARGO

Date: 7/14/2025

Time: 5:20

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 held on June 23, 2025, with the following correction: *City Attorney Chesley Payne noted that the City of Margaret was waiting to obtain a new city attorney before the franchise fee could move forward.* 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.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2025-07-14(A), Councilmember Place 2 Elected Without Opposition.** Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- abstain, Hopkins-yes, McCarley -yes, Brown- yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Tommy Suggs was duly elected to the office of Councilperson, Place 2.

Councilperson Griffin made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2025-07-14(B), Adopting Election Officers** for the upcoming municipal election. 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.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve the quote from B & B Smith Construction in the amount of \$5,500.00 to repair the sinkhole at 30 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.

POLICE REPORT - Councilperson Griffin gave the Police Department report stating that there were 126 traffic stops and a total of 381 calls in June 2025.

FIRE REPORT - Chief Payne gave the monthly fire report, noting that the Argo Fire Department responded to a total of 57 calls in June 2025.

CITY ATTORNEY –

MAYOR REPORT- Mayor Bradley made the following announcements:

The sample ballot for the upcoming municipal election has been posted at City Hall, throughout the city, and on the City's website.

A list of qualified voters has been posted in the following three locations: Argo City Hall, Hilltop Farms and Argo Hardware

Sunday, July 27, 2025, is the last day to establish residency to vote in the Argo Municipal Election.

The last day to register to vote is Monday, August 11, 2025. Voter registration is available at alabamavotes.gov.

Mayor Bradley noted that write-in candidates will not be permitted in the upcoming election.

Mayor Bradley also stated that clerk Tabitha Hanner had collected \$64,676.50 in revenue, which included business license fees from investment companies operating rental properties in the City of Argo.

COUNCIL REPORT- Mayor Pro-Tem Brown inquired about reimbursement to the General Fund account for the Evolution 5150 device, which was approved on June 23, 2025. Mayor Bradley updated the council that the reimbursement funds would come from the Court account and the Police Fund account.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Citizen Dee Collier thanked the Mayor and Council for approving the repair of the sinkhole but expressed concerns about whether the repair would be done correctly.

Councilperson Hopkins reassured Citizen Collier that the sinkhole would be repaired properly, following the City Engineer's recommendations. The process includes digging a 4x4x4-foot square or until stable soil is located, filling the area with Class 1 stone and 3/4 crush & run, and patching the hole with cold mix.

Citizen Corky Massey suggested adding concrete to the sinkhole repair. Mayor Bradley stated she would consult the contractor about this option.

Citizen Randy Hettich inquired about the possibility of a bore for the sewer main, noting that it would be helpful for future infrastructure development.

Citizen Howard Hartley expressed that Mayor Betty Bradley should be recognized for her service to the City and proposed naming either the municipal park or the municipal building after her. He also offered to pay for the sign.

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:


Mayor Betty Bradley

ATTEST:


Amanda McCurdy, City Clerk