

RECORD OF COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

CITY OF ARGO

Date: 7/28/2025

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: Municipal Complex

Work Session

The City Council for the City of Argo met on Monday, July 28, 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 July 28, 2025, regular council meeting agenda.

Chris with Sain Associates addressed the Mayor and Council regarding their evaluation of culverts within the City of Argo. He reported that the culvert located at 1325 Roulain Road was determined to be the most severe in need of repair.

Due to the extent of the necessary work, the project will need to be put out for public bid in accordance with applicable laws. Additionally, Roulain Road will need to be closed for approximately 1–2 weeks during the construction period.

The Mayor and Council requested that Sain Associates return with a cost estimate for the preparation of construction documents and the necessary survey work.

Mayor Bradley stated that the first step toward the installation of speed bumps would be for the city to conduct a traffic study.

Councilperson Hopkins inquired with Chris from Sain Associates about the study and requested that Sain prepare an estimate for a traffic study to be presented at the next Council meeting.

The Mayor and Council discussed the Charitable Gift Agreement with Gordon H. Massey Jr. Citizen Corky Massey requested that some amendments be made to the agreement.

Chief Busler addressed the Mayor and Council, first stating that Officer Herndon has submitted his notice of resignation. Despite his departure, the Police Department will remain fully staffed.

Chief Busler informed the Mayor and Council that one of the patrol cars is experiencing transmission issues and noted that several patrol vehicles are aging. He advised that a new patrol car will be needed to replace the affected vehicle.

Chief Busler requested that the Council approve the purchase of a new patrol car at a cost of \$54,041, with an estimated outfitting cost not to exceed \$12,000. He stated that all funds for the purchase and outfitting would come from the Police Department Fund Account, and no money would be taken from the General Fund.

Chief Busler further requested that the Council approve the surplus of a K9 kennel, electronic equipment, and a Cool Guard system. He stated that the equipment would be bid out, and any revenue generated would be deposited back into the Police Equipment Fund.

The Mayor and Council agreed to schedule the Fall Festival for Saturday, October 25th, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. They discussed potential expenditures for the event, including face painting, a petting zoo, and inflatables. They agreed on a budget of \$7,500.00 for the event.

Councilperson Hopkins presented a quote for two park benches to be placed on the concrete bench pads in the park. The total cost for the benches would be \$2,235.78. Public Works and the Fire Department will assist with unloading the benches upon delivery.

Nic from the Public Works Department will repair the picnic tables and check on an estimate for mulch and crossties to be used as a barrier in the park.

Citizen Corky Massey suggested that the City contact the County Engineer for assistance with the Roulain Road culvert.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


AMANDA MCCURDY, CITY CLERK

APPROVED:


BETTY BRADLEY, MAYOR