RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CITY OF ARGO

Date: 8/11/2025 Time:6:14 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 held on July 28, 2025. 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 a Special Called Meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 12:00 PM for the purpose of Canvassing the Election. Councilperson Griffin 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 table the SAIN Associates Speed Study until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, to allow time for a cost estimate to be provided. Councilperson Hopkins 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 SAIN Associates Culvert Proposal, which includes work at 1325 Roulain Road in the amount of \$16,000.00 and 393 Cedar Creek Road in the amount of \$11,500.00, for a total cost of \$27,500.00. 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 payment of \$709.43 to Liberty Automotive for repairs to the bushhog. 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 rubber mulch in the amount of \$1,756.75 from Struthers Recreation and cross ties in the amount of \$431.68 from Lowe's, for a total of \$2,071.43. The expense is to be paid from the Capital Improvement 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.

POLICE REPORT - Corporal Davis gave the monthly police report, noting that the Argo Police Department responded to a total of 411 calls in July 2025.

FIRE REPORT - Chief Payne gave the monthly fire report, noting that the Argo Fire Department responded to a total of 65 calls in July 2025.

CITY ATTORNEY -

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to amend the agenda to add Line Item (13) Waive the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-08-11(307), An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Streets To Be Accepted by the City of Argo, Alabama for Maintenance. 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.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2025-08-11(307), An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Streets To Be Accepted by the City of Argo, Alabama for Maintenance. 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 Ordinance 2025-08-11(307), An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Streets To Be Accepted by the City of Argo, Alabama for Maintenance. Councilperson Griffin 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 REPORT- Mayor Bradley made the following announcements:

The last day to register to vote is today. You can register online at www.alabamavotes.gov.

Absentee Ballots Applications are available in the City Clerk's Office

The City of Argo Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, August 26th, 2025, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at City Hall

Voting Machines will be delivered on Monday, August 18 and the Voting Machine Public Testing will be on Tuesday, August 19 at 1:30PM.

The Mayor's Breakfast will be hosted by the City of Ashville on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 7:30 a.m. The event will be held at Ashville City Hall.

COUNCIL REPORT- Councilperson Hopkins reminded the Mayor and Council that the next scheduled Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown extended her condolences to the family of Paul Manning.

Councilperson McCarley asked the Council to begin considering potential alternative ideas for the band stage area for the upcoming Fall Festival.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Citizen Michelle Coalson informed the Mayor and Council that she has collected toys and donations for the Argo Christmas for Kids program. She thanked Parcel Express and Argo Hardware for allowing her to place donation boxes at their locations. Ms. Coalson also stated that she will be attending the County Commission meeting on August 12, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

Mayor Betty Bradley

ATTEST: