

# RECORD OF COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

## CITY OF ARGO

**Date:** 8/11/2025

**Time:** 5:13 PM

**Place:** Municipal Complex

**Work Session**

The City Council for the City of Argo met on Monday, August 11, 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 August 11, 2025, regular council meeting agenda.

Jeff, representing SAIN Associates, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding concerns related to the installation of speed bumps. He explained that speed bumps can present liability issues for the City and recommended conducting a speed study. The study would involve collecting data such as vehicle travel speeds and making traffic observations.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown inquired about the cost of the speed study. Jeff responded by referencing a recent study completed for Trussville High School, which cost approximately \$1,500, offering this as a general estimate for a similar study.

Councilperson Hopkin asked about the potential cost of developing a formal policy on speed bumps. Jeff estimated that creating such a policy would cost between \$7,500 and \$10,000. He further noted that, in his professional opinion, there are more cons than pros to implementing speed bumps as a traffic-calming measure.

Chris, representing SAIN Associates, presented cost estimates for preparing bid packages for the Roulain Road and Cedar Creek culvert projects. The estimate for Roulain Road is \$16,000, and the estimate for Cedar Creek is \$11,500. These costs include all necessary surveys, preparation of construction documents, bidding, and bid coordination.

Steve from the Building Inspection Department and Nick from the Public Works Department informed the Mayor and Council that they had met with the County Engineer to assess the condition of the Roulain Road culvert. The County Engineer confirmed their concerns and recommended that the culvert be replaced due to its significant deterioration.

Nick explained that once a concrete box is installed under the roadway, it would be classified as a bridge. This would require the structure to be inspected every other year in accordance with applicable regulations.

City Attorney Chesley read aloud **Ordinance 2025-08-11(307) An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Streets to be Accepted by the City of Argo, Alabama for Maintenance.**

Nic informed the Mayor and Council that the bush hog was damaged while cutting along the roadside. The estimated cost for the repair is \$709.43.

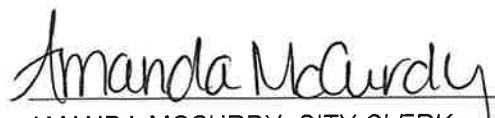
The Mayor and Council reviewed cost estimates for materials to be placed under the picnic tables in the park. The estimate for rubber mulch was \$1,756.75, and the estimate for cross ties was \$431.68.

Nancy, representing the St. Clair Educational Foundation, addressed the Mayor and Council, requesting that the Foundation be considered during the upcoming budget meeting. The Foundation has awarded 12 teachers from Springville schools. Nancy also informed the Council that the Foundation will be hosting a gala event in February 2026.


Citizen Chris McCombs addressed the Mayor and Council regarding a complaint about activity at 1284 Argo Margaret Road. It was reported that roosters are being raised on the property, allegedly for fighting purposes, and that the housing structures for the roosters are continuing to expand.

City Attorney Chesley requested that Steve from the Building Inspection Department review the zoning regulations for the parcel and notify the property owner accordingly.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

  
AMANDA MCCURDY, CITY CLERK

**APPROVED:**

  
BETTY BRADLEY, MAYOR