

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CITY OF ARGO

Date: 8/19/2025

Time:

Place: Municipal Complex

Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Dennis Griffin

Councilperson Thomas Suggs

Councilperson Rick Hopkins

Councilperson Danny McCarley

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Brown -Absent

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.

Councilperson Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Council Meeting held on August 11, 2025. Councilperson Hopkins seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley -yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to suspend the rules to add line Item (6) Repeal and Replace **Ordinance No. 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, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to repeal and replace **Ordinance No. 2025-08-11 (307), an Ordinance Declaring Certain City Streets to be Accepted by the City of Argo, Alabama, for Maintenance,** with **Ordinance No. 2025-08-19 (308), 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, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to open discussion on the SAIN Associates Speed Study on Hickory Valley Road. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion.

Mayor Bradley stated that these issues had been brought to the Council a few months ago. Police Chief Busler placed the speed trailer at the location to help address the concerns. A study will be needed for liability purposes and to review available options. It will be up to the Council to decide how to move forward.

SAIN Associates noted that the cost of the study would be \$3,000.00. The study will include a tube counter to measure traffic volume and speed, as well as an analysis of crash data. The results will provide options for the city to consider.

Councilperson Hopkins stated that the \$3,000.00 expense is necessary, noting that citizens have requested speed bumps and that there is crucial bus stops located on Hickory Valley Road. He expressed concern for public safety and stated he is in favor of the study.

Councilperson Griffin expressed agreement with the citizens' concerns and stated that he was in favor of the study.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to approve the SAIN Associates quote in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the speed study on Hickory Valley Road. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley -yes, Bradley-abstain. Motion carried.

Councilperson Griffin made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2025 Ford Police Interceptor AWD in the amount of \$51,620.00, with the expense to come from the Police Department Fund Account. Councilperson Hopkins seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley -yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to surplus the Humvee, Serial #071628, with funds from the sale to be deposited into the Police Equipment Fund. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley -yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Griffin made a motion to approve the purchase of the part needed for the boom mower repair, not to exceed \$600.00. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley -yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to approve a public hearing on Monday, September 8, 2025, regarding **Amendment 2 to The City of Argo Zoning Ordinance, Section 609, Pertaining to the Building of Guest or Pool Houses on Parcels Already Containing a Main Residence.** Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley -yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hopkins read aloud **Amendment 2 to The City of Argo Zoning Ordinance, Section 609, Pertaining to the Building of Guest or Pool Houses on Parcels Already Containing a Main Residence.**

CITY ATTORNEY –

MAYOR REPORT- Mayor Bradley made the following announcements:

The City of Argo Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The Council will meet on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, to canvass the election results.

Corporal Davis will be taking over the Argo Christmas for Kids program.

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

Leadership St. Clair County Alumni Event will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2025, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

City Hall will be closed on September 24–25, 2025, for the clerks to attend Magistrate Certification Hours.

COUNCIL REPORT- Councilperson McCarley expressed concern about runoff from a new construction home on Mary Lane affecting another resident's yard.


Mayor Bradley stated that the Building Inspector will investigate the matter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Citizen Paul Jennings expressed concerns regarding the road closure on Roulain Road and its impact on the bus route once repairs begin.

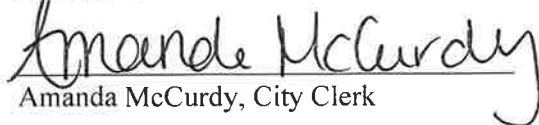
Citizen Michelle Coalson wished all candidates good luck in the upcoming election and expressed hope that everyone would continue to volunteer after the election.

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:


Mayor Betty Bradley

ATTEST:


Amanda McCurdy, City Clerk