

# RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CITY OF ARGO

Date: 09/08/2025

Time: 5:38

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 August 19, 2025, with corrections. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley - yes, Mayor Pro- Tem – yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve minutes of the Special Called Council Meeting on September 2, 2025. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley -yes, Mayor Pro-Tem – yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown rescinded her motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Council Meeting held on August 19, 2025, with corrections. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley -yes, Mayor Pro- Tem – yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Council Meeting held on August 19, 2025, with the following correction: *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.* Councilperson Hopkins seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley -yes, Mayor Pro- Tem – Abstain, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING** – Mayor Bradley opened the Public Hearing regarding **Amendment 2 to the City of Argo Zoning Ordinance**.

Citizen Michelle Coalson expressed concern regarding the square footage requirement and definition of a Pool House. She stated that some pool houses are intended solely for storage and changing rooms and therefore should not be required to be 300 square feet.

City Attorney Chesley read the definition of a Guest House from the City of Argo Zoning Ordinance and noted that there is no definition for a Pool House currently included in the ordinance.

Mayor Bradley closed the Public Hearing on **Amendment 2 to the City of Argo Zoning Ordinance**.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to approve **Amendment 2 to the City of Argo Zoning Ordinance**, with all references to Pool Houses removed. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley -yes, Mayor Pro- Tem – yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Chris from Lantech Solutions informed the Council that he would need 30 block hours to complete ongoing IT issues and to install new desktop computers. He also presented a phone and internet upgrade proposal that would double the current internet speed and result in cost savings for the city.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to approve the quote from Lantech Solutions LLC for 30 block hours of IT services at a total cost of \$3,750.00. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley -yes, Mayor Pro- Tem – yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

**POLICE REPORT** - Chief Busler presented the monthly Police Department report, noting that there were 395 calls in August 2025.

**FIRE REPORT** - Lt. Barrett presented the monthly Fire Department report, noting that there were 49 calls in August 2025.

**CITY ATTORNEY** –City Attorney Chesley will review and develop a Blight and Nuisance Ordinance to be presented at the first Zoning Meeting in October.

**MAYOR REPORT**- Mayor Bradley made the following announcements:

The St. Clair County Mayors' Association Meeting will be hosted by the City of Moody on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 7:30 a.m. at the Moody Civic Center.

The Leadership St. Clair County Alumni Event will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2025,

from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the St. Clair County Ag & Multi-Event Center in Odenville. Cost is \$50 per person.

### **COUNCIL REPORT-**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Citizen Michelle Coalson expressed concern about not being able to replace her chickens or ducks in the event of an Act of God, such as severe weather or a predator attack.

City Attorney Chesley explained that such situations would fall under the discretion of the Building Inspector. If a resident disagrees with the Inspector's interpretation, they may apply for a variance and bring the matter before the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

APPROVED:

  
Mayor Betty Bradley

ATTEST:

  
Amanda McCurdy, City Clerk