

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CITY OF ARGO

Date: 10/13/2025

Time: 6:07 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 September 22, 2025. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley -yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown– yes, Mayor Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve funds for the 2025 Regional Orientation Training. Councilperson Suggs seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley -yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown – yes, Mayor Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to accept the first reading of Zoning Amendment 3. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin - yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley -yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown – yes, Mayor Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-10-13 (A) to Amend the City of Argo Employee Handbook to Allow Donation of Sick or Vacation Time. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs-yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley -yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown – yes, Mayor Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-10-13 (B) to Establish a Fee for Assessment Letters. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley -yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown – yes, Mayor Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to table the Hickory Valley Road agenda item pending a quote from SAIN and Associates for flashing speed signs. 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.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to allow SAIN and Associates to create a bid packet for the work needed on Roulain and Cedar Creek Roads. 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 allow the city to move forward with the Govt Portal pilot program to develop new license and permitting software. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin -yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley -yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown – yes, Mayor Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to suspend the rules to add the First Reading of Ordinance 309. 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.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to accept the First Reading of Ordinance 309. 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 - Corporal Cason Davis gave the monthly report. Argo had a total of 413 calls for the month of September.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Scott Payne gave the monthly fire report. The Fire Department had 38 calls and issued 16 burn permits.

CITY ATTORNEY – no new business.

MAYOR REPORT-

Mayor Bradley reminded everyone that the next St. Clair County Mayor’s Breakfast will be held at the St. Clair County Arena on October 21st.

The Argo Fall Festival will be held on October 25, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

COUNCIL REPORT-

Councilperson Hopkins updated the council with a citizen report of road damage at Tom L. Smith/Cedar Creek due to construction vehicles.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Mayor-elect Randy Hettich resigned from his seat as Chairman of the Zoning Board. He also introduced Dustin Knowles, who will be attending Leadership St. Clair.

Howard Hartley expressed his desire to have something in place before future elections that would require background checks for anyone running for mayor or council. The City Attorney clarified that it would be unconstitutional to do so.

APPROVED:


Mayor Betty Bradley

ATTEST:


Tabitha Hanner, Clerk