**January 10, 2024: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on January 10, 2024 at the Argonia City Hall.

Roll call was taken: Mayor Rick Dolley, Council members Scott Jones, Felisha Noland, Casey Love, Wayne Peterson and Terina McCurley.

Also present at the meeting were: Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Jake Callaway-Maintenance Supervisor, Karyn Taton – City Treasurer, Chris Schiller-Chief of Police and Tim Scott.

Mayor Dolley determined a Quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

**Motion by Noland, seconded by Jones to accept the January agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

* **Minutes**

December regular meeting minutes were presented**. Jones made a motion, seconded by McCurley to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

* **Bills**

December bills were presented**. Jones made a motion, Peterson seconded to approve December bills in the amount of $83,206.00 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – Stacy Davis was to be present at the Council meeting but could not be in attendance due to a conflict so she asked Mayor Dolley to present to Council a packet to the City Council regarding Sumner County Revitalization Plan. Pierce mentioned that the City already participated with Sumner County on this and packets are available to anyone. Mayor Dolley also stated that if an applicant needed help with the application she’d be happy to assist. Mayor Dolley also stated she would like to present to Council that non-profit groups within the City limits should be able to rent the community building for a lower fee or free is possible. Council discussed this and changed the fees as this: Non-profit: $50 rental fee and $50 deposit fee. A normal day rental of $150 fee and $50 deposit fee. If it is an event (such as wedding) that the renter would need it for a 3-day period to set up, have an event and clean the building on the 3rd day the fee would be $200 and a $50 deposit.

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **FIRE –** None
* **RIVER PARK –** None.
* **POLICE REPORT** - Chief Schiller presented a resignation of part time officer Lanier. **Motion by Noland, 2nd by McCurley to accept the resignation. Motion carried 5-0.** Schiller presented the proposal of Ordinance #594 for the Licensing of Dogs and Cats within the City Limits. Council decided to add a lifetime tag option to the Ordinance. The Ordinance will be updated and will be represented at the February Council meeting.
* **MAINTENANCE –** Callaway presented a contract with Mayor Specialty Services, LLC for a 3-year contract for sewer maintenance and televising**. Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to approve contract as presented. Motion carried 5-0.** Callaway discussed a drainage issue from Pine Street down to the ball diamond and out into a pond that is located south of the ballpark that is causing issues. Callaway presented a bid for rock to be hauled in for gravel roads within the City limits in the amount of $11,500.00. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to purchase the Rock out of Oxford, Kansas through Cornejo and have Nathan Coleman to haul the load. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for 30 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 7:40 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with Chief Schiller to remain. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 7:50 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with Jake Callaway to remain. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:00 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for 20 minutes with Jake Callaway to remain. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:20 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for 20 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:40 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for 20 minutes with Karyn Taton to remain. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:50 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes with Tara Pierce to remain. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:55 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

* **CLERK** – Pierce presented Ordinance #595, an Ordinance changing the time of City Council meetings to start at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. **Motion by Noland to adopt the ordinance as presented, motion seconded by McCurley. Motion carried 5-0.** Pierce presented three bills to the Council that needed approval. She presented Active 911 for 240.00, The League of Ks. Municipalities for $496.06 and Kansas 811 for $1.20. **Motion by Noland to pay the three bills as presented, seconded by McCurley. Motion carried 5-0.** Pierce presented a bill from Mayor Dolley to be reimbursed $10.00 for each out of town meeting he had attended in December. He also requested to be reimbursed for any future meetings outside of the City limits going forward as well as any other member of Council that would step in to attend any meetigs. **Motion by Noland, seconded by Peterson to pay Mayor Dolley or any other Council member who would attend a meeting out of town at the rate of $10.00 per meeting and also pay Mayor Dolley for the two meetings he had attended in December. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 9:30 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:45 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to give Karyn Taton and Tara Pierce raises as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

* **ADJOURNMENT – Council member Noland moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member McCurley seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. President Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.**

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Tara Pierce Rick Dolley

City Clerk Mayor