**February 5, 2024: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on March 3rd, 2024 at Argonia City Hall.

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

Also present at the meeting were: Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Jake Callaway-Maintenance Supervisor, Karyn Taton – City Treasurer, Chris Schiller-Chief of Police, Kevin Lanier-Ordinance Officer, Tony Grant-MaGuire and Joan Ellefson-Maguire.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

**Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to accept the March agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

* **Minutes**

February regular meeting minutes were presented**. Jones made a motion, seconded by McCurley to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

* **Bills**

February bills were presented**. Jones made a motion, McCurley seconded to approve February bills in the amount of $71,805.31 as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – Tony Grant and Joan Ellefson from Maguire presented an overall update on the Cities water tower and ground tank at the Water Treatment Plant. Grant gave the City an inside look of the past, present and future of our tanks. He spoke about the maintenance that has been done, the upcoming maintenance that will be needed to be State compliant per KDHE regulation changes, cleaning of the water tower and painting. Maguire presented a contract that will help the City to plan out the cost involved over the next years ahead. Once those numbers are received from Maguire, the City Council will decide if the contract will help budget the repairs needed in a long term ahead or if just paying the actual services provided in full at the time of repair.

Felisha Noland arrived at 6:30 p.m.

Bob Almanza arrived at 6:35 p.m.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties for 20 minutes with Attorney Bob Almanza, Pierce and Taton to remain. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 7:20 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by Peterson to enter into executive session at 7:20 p.m. to conduct an interview for Applicant “A” for the Maintenance position for 20 minutes with Jake Callaway to remain. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 7:40 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **FIRE –** None
* **RIVER PARK –** None.
* **POLICE REPORT** - Schiller gave his monthly police report. Ordinance Officer Lanier spoke to Council about Ordinance Violations within the City and corrective actions 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 Schiller to remain. Motion carried 5-0. Council came out of executive session at 8:20 p.m. stating no binding action taken. Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to promote Kevin Lanier – part-time Ordinance Officer to part-time Police Officer at the wage increase as discussed. Motion carried 5-0.**

* **MAINTENANCE –** Callaway updated Council on several aspects of what’s going on in the Maintenance Department. He reported he had been working with KRWA on the Lagoons, the River Park is open and ready for campers, plumbing at the pool and spraying of the River Park. Callaway presented a contract from Cummins Sales & Service for 5 years with a total of $12,536.60. **Motion by Love, seconded by Peterson to accept the contract as presented. Motion carried 5-0.** Callaway spoke to Council about the basketball courts at the Park. The court asphalt needs to be fixed. Council agreed and asked Callaway to get some quotes. Callaway asked Council if the golf cart could go up for sealed bids. Council agreed to put it up for sealed bids along with the charger and put a reserve of $1,500.00. Bids will need to be in by the next meeting on April 1st, 2024. Pierce will advertise for this bid. Callaway also discussed a hydrovac trailer and game cameras. He said the shed over the well house on N. Argonia road needed to be removed. Council agreed for Callaway to tear down the shed. Callaway presented two bids for the tree trimming at the River Park, one from Double T Solutions for $10,600.00 and one from Fisher Service’s for $22,250.00. Council did not accept either bid.
* **CLERK** – Pierce presented four bills that did not make deadline for the end of the month and asked for them to be approved for payment. Those bills were Haviland Broadband for $125.00, reimbursement mileage for Rick Dolley for $26.80, reimbursement to Rick Dolley for picking up headlights for the cop car from O’Reilly Auto Parts for $53.64 and Kansas 811 for $3.60**. Motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to pay these bills as discussed, motion carried 5-0**. Pierce presented the Retention Schedule she has asked Council to look over. Council agreed it looked good and accepted her presentation of the schedule. Pierce asked Council if her and Karyn could buy some paint to paint the front of the office before the new windows were put in. Council agreed as long as they stayed below her $500.00 allowance to do so. Pierce presented two quotes for trash service. The bids for service were from Waste Connections and Wheat Disposal**. Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to accept the bid from Waste Connections and continue trash service as contract states. Motion carried 5-0.** Pierce presented Cooper & Co., CPA’s three-year contract renewal for audit services**. Motion by Noland, seconded by Jones to approve the contract renewal as stated. Motion carried 5-0.** Pierce updated Council about Argonia Days to be held on May 18th. Pierce asked Council to look at a Mobile Vet Clinic operated by Veterinarian Kylie Bruce. Bruce would like to set up in the City limits to bring services to the community. Council agreed this was a needed clinic for the community and agreed to allow Bruce to bring her mobile services to Argonia.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by Love to enter into executive session at 10:00 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with Pierce and Taton to remain. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 10:10 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

* **ADJOURNMENT – Council member Noland moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member McCurley seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.**

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Tara Pierce Rick Dolley

City Clerk Mayor