**June 5th, 2023: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on June 5th, 2023 at the Argonia City Building. Those present were Mayor Dolley, Council members Scott Jones, Felisha Noland and Terina McCurley. Also present were Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Jake Callaway-Maintenance, Travis Mounts from TS News, Christopher Schiller-Police Chief, Natalie Shirley-Pool Manager, Paul Conklin-Fire Chief, Aubreigh Haxton, Casey Love, Wayne Peterson. Arriving at 7:15 p.m. was Bonnie Atkinson and at 7:25 Shawn Drouhard.

**A quorum was present.**

Mayor Rick Dolley called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

**Motion by Noland, seconded by Jones to accept the June agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

* **Minutes**

May 1st, 2023 regular meeting minutes were presented**. Jones made a motion, seconded by McCurley to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

* **Special Meeting Minutes**

May 30th, 2023 special meeting minutes were presented.  **Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to accept the special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

* **Bills**

May bills were presented**. Jones made a motion, Noland seconded to approve May bills in the amount of $34,173.59. Motion carried 3-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – Open session were to be held but at the time open session attendees were not at the meeting to discuss their open forum topic.

**Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 7:10 p.m. for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Natalie Shirley to remain. Motion carried 3-0.** Council came out of executive session at 7:15 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**Motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to give Aubreigh Haxton the pay increase as discussed. Motion carried 3-0.**

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **Fire Department** -Paul Conklin presented an invoice for $1864.10 for repairs to a generator for the fire department. He said if the City would pay for half of it the Dixon Township will pay the other half. **Motion by Noland, seconded by Jones to pay $932.05 for the repairs to the generator. Motion carried 3-0.** Paul Conklin expressed the need for more fire hose. He would like 100 feet of 5” hose. It is $1784.88 from Emergency Fire. **Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to purchase the fire hose as discussed. Motion carried 3-0.** A bill from EmergencyFire was presented in the amount of $1695.00 for an LED Bar Light for the Fire Department.This invoice will be paid with the remaining Fireman’s Relief Fund Monies in the amount of $524.07 and $1,170.93 out of Memorial Funds.  **Motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to pay the invoice to Emergency Fire as discussed.**  Conklin reported to Council he is looking into the cost of replacing and adding additional tornado/fire sirens in town. He is meeting with a person who will help research the best placement of the sirens. Conklin will be working on quotes and Pierce will help research grants to help with the cost of the expenses.
* **POOL** –Natalie Shirley reported on the pool. After repairs to the baby pool, it is still losing water on a daily basis. After consideration of the loss of water the Council discussed the options on how to move forward. The water loss is not great but is still a concern as to wear it is leaking. The thought was to believe it was from several small crack in the pool and the patching and painting would fix the issue but showed not to be the issue after the repairs. Pressure test and investigations on the leak were performed last year and those held. Discussion that it will be watched to determine if the baby pool can finish the season and look into other avenues this fall for a repair solution.

Open sessions were late coming into the meeting so the Mayor asked that Bonnie Atkinson step forward and address the Council. Bonnie wanted to ask Council if she could proceed with the cutting of the curb from the gutter and add new curbing. Additionally, they would fix the street and lay concrete and fix the road that was torn out during the demolition to the sidewalk. She also would like to fix the meter can to lower to grade level of the yard. **Council member Jones made a motion, seconded by McCurley to let Atkinson do the improvements as discussed. Motion carried 3-0**. Shawn Drouhard came to address the Council but decided not to proceed with her discussion and would like to meet with the Council at the next meeting. Council agreed to meet with her at the next meeting.

* **Chief of Police –**InterimChief Schiller reported to Council on the update on the new dog ordinance he is working on. Schiller asked Council to consider the reserve program after his presentation to the Council. **Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to approved the Reserve Program. Motion carried 3-0.**

**Motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to enter into executive session for personnel matters of a non-elected personnel at 8:05 p.m. for 5 minutes with Schiller to stay. Motion carried 3-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:10 stating no binding action taken.

**Motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to hire part time officer applicant per Schiller’s recommendation and at the wage discussed. Motion carried 3-0.**

Mayor Dolley presented Council with the letters of resignation by Bob Randall and Donnie Phillips. **Motion by Noland, seconded by Jones to accept the resignations of both Councilmen and thanked both Bob and Donnie for all their years of service to the Council, staff, citizens and the community.** Mayor Dolley presented interest from both Casey Love and Wayne Peterson as recommendations to the open positions to fill the position vacancies to the Council. **Jones made a motion to appoint Casey Love and Wayne Peterson to the City Council open positions, seconded by Noland, motion carried 3-0.** Both Love and Peterson were sworn into their positions by Mayor Dolley and joined the Council meeting.

* **Maintenance** – Mayor Dolley started the Maintenance report off with the sealed bids for the Northstar Sprayer. **Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to accept the bid of $700.00 to Phil Harper. Motion carried 5-0.** Callaway disussed the bid for the street project from Jeff Hull in the amount of $38,000.00. **Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to accept the bid from Jeff Hull at the amount of $38,000.00. Motion carried 5-0.** Callaway presented a bill from B&B Electric for a pool motor fan in the amount of $57.00. **Motion by Jones, seconded Love to approve the fan in the amount of $57.00. Motion carried 5-0.**
* **Clerk** – Tara Pierce gave a brief report on a KMGA contract for Natural gas. The plan was presented but a meeting with KMGA will be held later in June and report back to the Council with their findings for finalization before presentation. Pierce presented a contract from Wayne Vineyard in the amount of $90.00 to be paid by the Drag Race fund for mowing the lot where the concrete blocks are stored for the races. Pierce presented a bill from Factory 233 for the swim team t-shirts in the amount of $479.26.  **Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to pay the bill as presented. Motion carried 5-0.** Pierce presented a quote to replace the feeder line north of town that feeds the natural gas into town. The replacement would be for 200 feet of an exposed 4” steel line. **Motion by Noland, seconded by Love to accept the bid from Black Hills Energy at $25,100.00 and materials will be billed as discussed in quote at 20%. Motion carried 5-0.** Pierce is working on the 2024 Budget and was waiting on a few items from the County Treasurer to start with finalizing the budget.

**ADJOURNMENT – Council member Noland moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.**

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