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

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 3:30 p.m. on July 3rd, 2023 at the Argonia City Building. Those present were Mayor Dolley, Council members Scott Jones, Felisha Noland, Terina McCurley, Casey Love and Wayne Peterson. Also present were Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Jake Callaway-Maintenance and Susan Koerperich.

**A quorum was present.**

Mayor Rick Dolley called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

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

* **Minutes**

June 5th, 2023 regular meeting minutes were presented**. Jones made a motion, seconded by Noland to approve the regular meeting minutes with a correction to remove a motion made by Randall and change to Noland in the executive session motion at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.**

* **Bills**

June bills were presented**. Noland made a motion, Jones seconded to approve June bills in the amount of $50,769.95. Motion carried 5-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – Open session was opened to Haviland Broadband giving a presentation via Zoom for IT Services for the City Office, new phone services and a quote to move server hardware to a more centrally located location and finish setting up the security system at City Hall. No motion to retain services and was tabled until next meeting when the City could look at if the system could be purchased outright for the phone services or leased. Also waiting on more information from Bob Randall for an IT quote to conduct services for the City. Discussions will be held at the next regular Council meeting.

Susan Koerperich had several issues she wanted to address with the Council. She discussed stray cats, blight ordinances, KDOT Grant along with other questions regarding how the police officer followed procedures for these ordinances. The Mayor answered all her questions and how the Ordinances were handled and where the money can be spent from the Grant. Koerperich also discussed the log cabin fort structure in the park and felt it was unsafe for children to be playing on due to not being able to see children when the children are in the structure. Council thanked her for her concerns.

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **Pool –** Natalie was not at the meeting but Pierce presented two invoices that needed approved. Pierce presented an invoice from the Belle Plaine Parks & Recreation for $37.50 for Swim Team. **Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to pay the invoice as presented. Motion carried 5-0.** A bill from D. Gerber in the amount of $150.00 to pay for acid for the City pool was presented. **Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to pay the invoice as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**
* **Maintenance** – Callaway let the Council know that the main computer out at the water treatment plant had failed and needed replaced immediately. Mayor Dolley had come in and approved the computer to be replaced by Integrated Controls. He approved the purchase of the computer and software to be updated as needed. A quote to order the SCADA PC Workstation Hardware & Software would be approximately $15,198.00 with a projected lead time of 8 weeks to receive the system. Due to the emergency, Mayor Dolley executed an approval of the needed system so it could be ordered. The computer will be sent to the City ready to go. Haviland Telephone came out the day of the emergency when the computer had quit and verified that the computer was no longer able to function. Once the computer arrives at the Argonia WTP, Callaway asked if Haviland could assist with the setup due to some devices needing moved and restructured to function fully at the WTP. **Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to allow Haviland to assist with the installation of the computer and internet hook up. Motion carried 5-0.** Callaway presented the report from Maguire Iron and the visual inspection of the bulk tank at the water treatment plant. It passed inspection and everything looked good. Callaway presented pictures of a concrete bench at the River Park that had been damaged. Interim Chief Schiller was given the name of the individual that broke the bench and was going to be in contact with them. Callaway said he is going to try and repair the bench. Callaway asked Council to approve him to purchase tools and equipment needed for the shop. **Motion by Noland, seconded by Peterson to allow Callaway to purchase up to $5,000.00 for tools from various vendors. Motion carried 5-0**. Callaway discussed the trade in of the side discharge mower for a rear discharge mower. He said the side discharge mower for the use at the Cemetery was impractical. Callaway is looking at the options of the best trade for the City and to purchase the new mower and will report back to the Council. Callaway presented a new Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Program Proposal and Agreement from Mayer Specialty Services, L.L.C of Goddard, Kansas for the time period of 2024-2026. The contract would be as a total of $19,625.08 over the three-year course. **Motion by Noland, seconded by Peterson to accept the contract as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Noland, seconded by Love to purchase new tires from Kyles Service in Norwich for the City Maintenance Truck and not to exceed $1300.00. Motion carried 5-0.**
* **Motion by Noland, seconded by Love to enter into executive session for personnel matters of a non-elected personnel at 5:15 p.m. for 10 minutes with Pierce and Callaway to remain. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 5:25 stating no binding action taken.
* **Motion by Noland, seconded by Love to enter into executive session for personnel matters of a non-elected personnel at 5:25 p.m. for 20 minutes with Pierce to remain. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 5:45 stating no binding action taken.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to give Jake Callaway the title of Maintenance Supervisor and to give him a raise as discussed. Motion carried 5-0.**

* **Clerk** – Pierce presented the KMGA Board of Directors term beginning September 1st, 2023 to 8/31/2025. Mayor Dolley was re-elected to Director and Tara Pierce the Permanent position on the KMGA Board for the term. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to appoint both Dolley and Pierce to the KMGA Board of Directors committee. Motion carried 5-0.** Pierce talked to Council about several billing accounts that needed sent to collections. Instead of using the Kansas Set-Off Program Pierce had gotten some information on a law firm that would not charge the City to collect the debt, rather than pass a charge along to the account holders that are not in good standing by a percentage rate. Council agreed that Pierce could contact the Law Firm and proceed with sending the accounts to collection. Pierce advised Council that she would submit the certification to the KMGA Board of Directors with the re-election term to serve on the committee. Pierce presented the renewal from Kamstrup of $1,177.11. **Motion by Noland, seconded by Love to approve the renewal and pay as presented. Motion carried 5-0.** Pierce presented an invoice from Wayne Vineyard in the amount of $210.00 for mowing. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to pay the invoice as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**  Pierce presented a program through KMGA for Gas supply for the City. The change would be purchasing the Gas supply at a monthly index rate instead of daily. This would be to lessen the exposure to high daily index gas prices and would provide flexibility and can tailor our gas supply portfolio with a blend of fixed, first-of-month (FOM) pricing. Council agreed that letting KMGA manage the portfolio utilizing fixed and FOM pricing with the blend varying by month depending on the season. Although this option does not require council approval Pierce said we need to move forward to take advantage of the opportunity to work through KMGA and WoodRiver Energy (WRE). Council agreed to allow KMGA to move forward with the purchase plan. No action was needed as KMGA would still handle our gas purchasing as before but on a monthly index instead of daily.

Council member Casey Love told Council that the windsock needed replaced at the airport. Love with get with Pierce to order the windsock.

**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 6:27 p.m.**

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Tara Pierce Rick Dolley

City Clerk Mayor