**May 1st, 2023: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on April 3rd, 2023 at the Argonia City Building. Those present were Mayor Dolley, Council members Don Phillips, Bob Randall and Scott Jones. Also present were Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Maintenance, Jake Callaway, Travis Mounts from TS News, Christopher Schiller, Interim Police Chief, Natalie Shirley, Pool Manager, Casey Love and Wayne Peterson.

**A quorum was present.**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

**Motion by Randall, seconded by Phillips to accept the May agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

* **Minutes**

April 3, 2023 regular meeting minutes were presented**. Randall made a motion, seconded by Phillips to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

* **Special Meeting Minutes**

April 19, 2023 special meeting minutes were presented.  **Motion by Randall, seconded by Phillips to accept the special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

* **Bills**

April bills were presented**. Jones made a motion, Phillips seconded to approve April bills in the amount of $130,050.85. Motion carried 3-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – None

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **POOL** –Natalie Shirley updated Council on the pool. She said she had a full staff and was ready for opening day. Pool prices for admission were discussed. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Randall to raise the pool prices as discussed. Motion carried 3-0.**
* **Chief of Police –**Chief Schiller gave a report. He presented to Council a Reserves Police. This would be an unpaid position, all volunteer, for individuals to be able to ride along and get knowledge of the job. Council asked Schiller to check on insurance coverage for the Reserve Officer. Officer Schiller discussed a safety feature for the school zone. No action taken.

**Motion by Jones, seconded by Randall to enter into executive session for personnel matters of a non-elected personnel at 7:20 p.m. for 10 minutes with Schiller to stay. Motion carried 3-0. Council came out of executive session at 7:30 stating no binding action taken.**

* **Maintenance** – Jake Callaway discussed pumps for the lift-station. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Phillips top purchase a sewer pump from Fluid Equipment for $5,691.43 but not to exceed $6500.00 with shipping costs. Motion carried 3-0. Motion by Randall, seconded by Jones for Callaway to purchase a sprayer not to exceed 600.00. Motion carried 3-0.** Callaway talked with Council about the options for the River Bank. The City cannot alter the bank by putting in rock to stabilize the river bank to save the sidewalk. An engineer will have to be involved in the planning. Jake will get more information for the next meeting to discuss with Council. Callaway is working with D. Gerber to work on the Chlorinator. Council agreed that the way the chemicals were being maintained is working well and it can be fixed after the season ends so it does not affect the pool being able to be utilized this summer. Callaway discussed a bid with the Council for the street project. Council did not make a motion to accept the bid and would like to discuss with the bidding company more on the project. Tabled until next meeting.
* **Clerk** – Pierce spoke with Council about the current CD’s that the City has with Conway Bank and where the rates stood to date. Pierce is working on some options on better rates to raise the growth of the interest. Pierce discussed admission prices of the pool. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Phillips to raise the rates of the pool admission fees and season passes as discussed. Motion carried 3-0.** A Quote from Hach Service for the Nitratax Service Agreement was presented in the amount of $2,940.00**. Motion by Randall, seconded by Jones, motion carried 3-0 to pay as presented.** Black Hills quotes were discussed to fix a feeder line north of town. Tabled until next meeting.

**Motion by Randall, seconded by Phillips to enter into executive session at 9:25 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried 3-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:35 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT – Council member Randall moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.**

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City Clerk Mayor