**July 7th, 2025: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on July 7th, 2025 at Argonia City Hall.

**Roll call was taken:** Those present were Mayor Rick Dolley, Council members Scott Jones, Wayne Peterson and Tim Scott. Also present at the meeting were: Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Craig Eubank-Maintenance, Scott Figg, Abigail Paxson, Kasey Jacobs, Gina Hess, Jason Paxson and Daren Drouhard.

A quorum was present and Mayor Dolley called the July regular council meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

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

* **Minutes**

June 2nd, 2025 regular meeting minutes were presented**. Jones made a motion, seconded by Scott to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

June 2nd, 2025 special meeting minutes were presented. **Scott made a motion, seconded by Jones to accept the special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

June 9th, 2025 special meeting minutes were presented. **Jones made a motion, seconded by Scott to accept the special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0**

* **Bills -** June bills were presented**. Jones made a motion, Scott seconded to approve June bills in the amount of $57,769.27 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – Drouhard discussed several properties in town that are a nuisance. He asked if something could be done to clean up these properties. Council told Drouhard that the new officer had already been in contact with some of those properties and has given them a time line to clean up. He also discussed a solution to trash blowing from recycle carts and the condemning of a few properties in town.

Abigail Paxson asked for Councils permission to have a celebration at the pool for the pools 25th anniversary of being open. She talked about a fundraiser they would like to do and serving free hotdogs, hamburgers and ice cream. She presented a couple of flyers to celebrate the day and by allowing people to attend the pool for free. Council gave Abigail the permission to allow the free admission and celebrate. The event is looking to take place in August towards the end of the season.

Kasey Jacobs with the Argonia Housing Board spoke with Council about the City needing to appoint five members to the Argonia Housing Board Committee. Currently the Board has more members setting on the board than is allowed by the by-laws. The Council had requested letters of interest to help determine who was interested in being on the Board and why. Those letters were presented to Council. Council took time to look over the letters and wanted to further discuss it so they tabled the subject until the end of the meeting under new business.

**RAIL DISCUSSION** – None

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **FIRE DEPT** – None
* **POOL –** None
* **RIVER PARK – Figg thanked Craig Eubank for all the work he did at the River Park cleaning up after the storm.**
* **MAINTENANCE –** Eubank talked about street repairs. He found a machine that the city could purchase to crack seal streets. This would save the city money when having the streets resurfaced and help save the streets from weather and prevent damage. He will have a demo for and pricing at the next regular council meeting. Eubank spoke to council about work needing done along the edge of the river to keep the sidewalk from being eroded away. He also asked council about cleaning out the old volleyball court and horse shoe pit since it was being relocated to the City Park. Council agreed for him to fill it in and plant grass seed. Eubank asked Council if the 2008 Hustler Mower could be put up for sealed bid since the City had received the new one in. Council agreed to put the mower out for sealed bid and open those bids at the August regular council meeting.
* **CLERK –** Pierce presented the KMGA Board of Directors to represent the City of Argonia This is an appointment that happens each year to represent the City and to have a vote during KMGA Board Meetings. **A motion by Scott, seconded by Peterson for Rick Dolley to the Director position and Tara Pierce the Alternate.** **Motion carried 3-0.** Pierce discussed the standard operating procedures manual for maintaining the lead service line inventory. The manual has been submitted to KDHE. Pierce discussed the 2026 Budget and asked Council if they had any questions. The budget hearing will take place at the regular meeting next month at 6:00 p.m. Pierce presented the following bills to be approved. Kansas One-Call-$11.97, Rick Dolley-$109.90, Tara Pierce-$83.30, PVX-DX Inc.-$10.00, Jmac Flowers-$56.95 and Waste Connections-$6,770.17. **Motion by Scott, seconded by Jones to approve the bills to be paid as presented. Motion carried 3-0.** Pierce gave Council the Haviland Broadband Quote for the Security System project. Pierce told Council to look over the quotes and it would be discussed at the next meeting when all Council members were present.

**Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to enter into executive session at 9:25 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for 30 minutes. Motion carried 3-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:55 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to enter into executive session at 9:55 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for 40 minutes with Pierce to remain. Motion carried 3-0.** Council came out of executive session at 10:35 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to give raises to Karyn Taton and Tara Pierce as discussed and retro it back to the beginning of the pay period. Motion carried 3-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS** - Council read letters from people who would like to be on the Argonia Housing Authority Board. Each letter expressed why they would be a great asset to the Board. After lengthy discussion a **motion by Jones, seconded by Scott to appoint Keri Dickerson, Gina Hess, Connie Hunt, Craig Eubank, and Kathy Curtiss to the Argonia Housing Authority Board. Motion carried 3-0.**

* **ADJOURNMENT – Council member Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m.**

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Rick Dolley Tara Pierce

Mayor City Clerk