**November 6th, 2023: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on November 6th, 2023 at the Argonia City Hall. Those present, Council members Scott Jones, Felisha Noland, Casey Love, Wayne Peterson and Terina McCurley. Also present were Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Jake Callaway-Maintenance Supervisor, Paul Conklin-Fire Chief, Travis Mounts, Tim Scott and Brent Dolley.

Mayor Dolley was not in attendance so President of the Council Scott Jones stepped in to run the meeting.

President Jones determined a Quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

**Motion by Noland, seconded by Peterson to accept the November agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

* **Minutes**

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

October 10th special meeting minutes were presented. **Motion by Noland, seconded by Love to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

October 25th special meeting minutes were presented. **Motion by Noland, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

* **Bills**

October bills were presented**. Noland made a motion, McCurley seconded to approve October bills in the amount of $51,813.05 as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – Brent Dolley spoke to the Council about the Fall Pole Decoration contest and complimented how nice the Main Street looked. Pierce commented that the Argonia Chamber and Pride actually put that on but Pierce and Council thanked Dolley for his positive feedback. Dolley also asked that a water meter be replaced at 205 E. Walnut. Callaway said he’d take a look at it and get it replaced if needed.

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **FIRE –** Paul Conklin reported to Council about the Pump Test on the City Fire truck. During the test the portable pump (that was not part of the test) blew the portable pump and it is now out of service. Conklin said that the portable pump has been unhooked so the truck could be back in service. Conklin said Mayfield Emergency Fire gave a quote of $1,563.00 with Labor if they have to pull the pump clear out it could take anywhere from 10 to 20 hours causing the labor to be around $2,000.00. Conklin looked at the budget with Pierce and Conklin said he may wait until the first of the year to have it fixed. Conklin spoke to Council about a grant from the Fire Marshall he applied for. He asked for enough in the grant to replace four sets of bunker gear which came to an amount of $11,050.00. The grant was awarded at $5,550.00 which can not be given to the Fire Department until the gear was paid for. **Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to pay $11,050 to Jerry Ingram Fire & Rescue in the amount of $11,050.00. Motion carried 4-0.** Grant will be reimbursement after proof of payment. Conklin presented quote #43517 from Emergency Fire Equipment in the amount of $5,142.08 for equipment for an encoder sire E747 Central station control, monitor, receiver decoder/relay and labor. **Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to accept the quote and pay as soon as the invoice was received. Motion carried 4-0.**
* **RIVER PARK –** Pierce reported that Dan Kannegieter had requested to be present at the meeting to speak during open session, however he was not at the meeting and had requested to ask Council to reconsider leaving the River Park Camp Grounds open for the winter months. After consideration the Council stood behind their decision to stay closed for the winter months.
* **MAINTENANCE –** Callaway told Council that the golf cart was losing power again and all the batteries needed replacing again. No action on replacing the batteries at this time and would discuss options at the next meeting. The backhoe power is low and may need to get a new hydraulic pump. It could fix the issue. Callaway said he would get quotes and get back with the Council. Callaway said he fixed the leak on N. Argonia Road where the old water wells were located.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by Peterson to enter into executive session at 8:03 p.m. for 10 minutes with Callaway and Pierce to remain to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session stating no binding action taken at 8:13 p.m.

* **CLERK** – Pierce presented a renewal for Jayhawk software. **Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to pay the renewal at 750.00 including 15 hours of support. Motion carried 4-0.** Pierce presented a renewal for Star Programming for $1,000.00 plus unlimited support. **Motion by Noland, seconded by Love to not renew with Star Programming. Motion carried 4-0.** Pierce presented a letter from Argonia After Prom for a donation. No motion was made by Council to donate to the Argonia After Prom for approval. Gas Revenues and Expenditures for the past 20 years were to be discussed but it was tabled until the next meeting. A Thank you letter was sent to the Council regarding Pierce and Taton attending the KCC Conference. Pierce presented a KMGA Membership update. Pierce presented a letter from the Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce for a renewal membership of $100.00. **Motion by Noland, seconded by Love to pay for the renewal membership. Motion carried 4-0.** Pierce presented a logo that was designed for the City from Savannah Shively. The City liked the logo but would like to invite Savannah to the next meeting if possible. The Council also discussed if the logo should be a contest and opened up to the public to enter their ideas as well. Pierce will email Shively back and see if she would be interested in meeting with the Council or discussing with Pierce some of the items we’d like to see.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 9:08 p.m. to discuss non-elected personal for 10 minutes. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:18 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 4-0. President Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.**

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Tara Pierce Scott Jones

City Clerk Council President