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

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on September 5th, 2023 at the Argonia City Hall. Those present, Council members Scott Jones, Wayne Peterson and Terina McCurley. Also present were Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Jake Callaway-Maintenance Supervisor, Chris Schiller-Chief of Police, Kevin Lanier-Reserve Officer, Scott Figg-Camp Host and Applicant for Part Time City Maintenance.

**A quorum was present.**

Mayor Dolley called the RNR hearing to order at 7:00 p.m**.** Roll Call was taken, for all members of Council present: Scott Jones, Terina McCurley, Wayne Peterson and Mayor Rick Dolley. Mayor Dolley declared that a quorum was present. Those absent were Casey Love and Felisha Noland. Mayor Rick Dolley opended the floor for discussion by any tax payers for questions or concerns. No discussion was made. **Scott Jones made the motion that the City of Argonia shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 46.118 mills, motion was seconded by Peterson to accept the RNR as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to adopt the Resolution No. 2023-01 for the City of Argonia, Kansas to Levy A Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Motion carried 3-0.**

**Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to Adjourn the RNR Hearing at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.**

Mayor Dolley called the Budget Hearing to order at 7:10 p.m. **Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to adopt the 2024 budget as presented. Motion carried 3-0.** All members of the Governing Body signed the Budget to finalize the adoption of the 2024 budget.

**Motion by Peterson, seconded by McCurley to adjourn the Budget hearing at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.**

Mayor Dolley called the Regular Council meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

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

* **Minutes**

August 7th regular meeting minutes were presented**. Jones made a motion, seconded by McCurley to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

* **Bills**

August bills were presented**. Jones made a motion, McCurley seconded to approve August bills in the amount of $116,930.75 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – No citizens present for an open forum.

Casey Love arrived at the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and joined the Governing Body for the meeting.

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **FIRE –** None
* **POOL –** None
* **RIVER PARK** – Scott Figg briefly spoke about when the River Park would close for the season, if we were going to let any long-term camping during the winter months and the possibility of changing all electrical hookups to 50 amp. Closure is November 1st each year unless it is unseasonably warm and Maintenance feels there is plenty of time to winterize, it can be extended.
* **POLICE CHIEF** – Chief Schiller gave a report on the happenings around town and service calls and stops he had made. He introduced Reserve Officer Kevin Lanier to the Council and staff. Schiller also talked with Council regarding a new safety program and asked Council if they would like to have the representative from the program come to a future Council meeting to do a brief presentation. Council agreed to have Schiller set that up.
* **MAINTENANCE –** Callaway introduced the applicant for the part time Maintenance position. **Motion by McCurley, seconded by Love to enter into executive session for 10 minutes at 8:20 p.m. to conduct interview with the applicant and with Callaway and Pierce to remain as well. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:30 p.m. stating no binding action taken. **Motion by McCurley, seconded by Love to enter back into executive session at 8:30 p.m. for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Callaway and Pierce to remain. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:35 p.m. stating no binding action taken**. Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to offer the part time Maintenance position to Jed Phillips at the rate discussed. Motion carried 3-0 with Peterson abstaining from voting.** Callaway spoke with Council about the line striping down Main Street with two options from Perfect Line LLC. A bid for adding a center double line from the railroad tracks to Highway 160 in the amount of $1,925.00. A seconded bid was from the railroad tracks to the south end of the city limits on Main Street in the amount of $2,860.00. After discussion with Council, **a motion by Love, seconded by Peterson to accept the bid to only do the North half of Main street from the railroad tracks to Highway 160 from Perfect Line LLC in the amount of $1,925.00. Motion carried 4-0.** Clothing allowance was discussed. In previous years the Council had agreed to let all City Maintenance Staff have a clothing allowance of $300.00 per year. Last year they changed it to 5 T-Shirts and 2 Hoodies with the “City of Argonia-Maintenance” put on all of the shirts to identify a city worker while working around town to distinguish to customers who were working or in their alley ways. Callaway asked that since the expense of the new agreement was less than the previous years before and the need for more shirts and/or hoodies that the Council look at possibly changing to allow for more shirts/hoodies as the shirts and possibly allowing for more reimbursement for jeans, shorts, shoes etc due to the wear and tear on the clothing. **A motion by McCurley, seconded by Jones to allow the employees the issuance of more shirts/hoodies and also any remainder of $300.00 could be reimbursed to the employees for purchases of needed clothing, gloves, socks or shoes as needed as long as it doesn’t exceed the $300.00. Motion carried 4-0.** Callaway presented the bid from Hostetler Supply, Inc. in the amount of $13,100.00 for a 2023 60” rear discharge super Z mower and a trade value of our current 2021 60” side discharge mower of $10,000.00, making the difference for the bid total to be $3,100.00. **Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to trade in the 2021 mower for the new 2023 mower at the $3,100.00 price. Motion carried 4-0.** Callaway presented a contract agreement quote from Fluid Equipment to offer a Pump and Control Panel Scheduled Preventative Maintenance Agreement for the Sewer Lift Station for 1 year in the amount of $1,985.00 for the inspection of the system and if any additional repairs needed would be an additional charge. **Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to accept the presented proposal agreement as stated. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 9:35 p.m. to discuss non-elected personal for 5 minutes with Pierce and Callaway to remain. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:40 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

* **CLERK -** Pierce presented a Special Event License Application for OX Bar & Grill. The Special Event License would be to sell unopened beer during the Argonia Drag Races. **Motion by McCurley, seconded by Peterson to accept the permit application for OX Bar & Grill to sell. Motion carried 4-0.** Pierce presented financials to the Council.
* **ADJOURNMENT – Council member Love moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member McCurley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.**

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City Clerk Mayor