**February 5, 2024: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on February 5th, 2024 at the Argonia City Hall.

Roll call was taken: Mayor Rick Dolley, Council members Scott Jones, Felisha Noland, Wayne Peterson and Terina McCurley. Absent: Casey Love

Also present at the meeting were: Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Jake Callaway-Maintenance Supervisor, Karyn Taton – City Treasurer, Chris Schiller-Chief of Police, Tim Scott, Dean & Carol Moore and City Auditor Kevin Cooper from Cooper & Co. CPA, P.A.

Mayor Dolley determined a Quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

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

* **Minutes**

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

January 17th special meeting minutes were presented**. Noland made a motion, seconded by McCurley to approve the special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

* **Bills**

January bills were presented**. Jones made a motion, Noland seconded to approve January bills in the amount of $117,670.62 as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – Dean & Carol Moore addressed an issue with trash carts being left at the curb after trash pick- up. They said that when they are always left at the street with the lids open they bang throughout the night. They asked if there was an Ordinance in place for this specific issue. They also addressed large dumpsters setting in the road and not on the private property that they set upon and a basketball goal that sets in the street and blows over and lays in the street. Chief Schiller said he would have our Ordinance Officer address the issue.

Kevin Cooper with Cooper & Co., CPA, P.A. presented the 2022 audit. After the audit Cooper presented that their contract with the City of Argonia was expiring and would like to know if the Council would like to retain their services for the future. Council agreed that they did and Cooper is going to send over a contract for the City to look over.

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **FIRE –** None
* **RIVER PARK –** None.
* **POLICE REPORT** - Schiller gave his monthly police report. Schiller presented the proposal of Ordinance #594 for the Licensing of Dogs and Cats within the City Limits. **Motion by Noland, seconded by Jones to adopted the Ordinance #594 and it would take affect after its publication in the Official Newspaper. Motion carried 4-0.**
* **MAINTENANCE –** Callaway addressed pool plumbing issues at the Pool House. Council asked Callaway to get a rough estimate of what it will cost to repair the lines as needed and report back to Council. A bid by Sumner Cowley Electric was presented to fix the electric line at sites #20 & #21 at the River Park Campground. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to accept the bid in the amount of $1,664.84. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for 30 minutes with Jake Callaway to remain. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 7:40 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

* **CLERK** – Pierce presented a retention schedule to the Governing Body. She asked Council to review it and would like to have it adopted at the next meeting. Pierce presented two invoices to be approved. The first one was from Justice Battery in the amount of $164.40 and one from Renn & Company in the amount of $259.00. **Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to approve both invoices as presented. Motion carried 4-0.** Pierce presented a quote from Lewis Street Glass for the replacement of the front windows and door of the office. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to approve the quote from Lewis Street Glass in the amount of $4,863.00. Motion carried 4-0.** Pierce visited with Council about a meeting she attended along with Mayor Dolley, Karyn Taton and Scott Jones with KMGA to discuss the gas supply agreement. The meeting went very well and a positive outcome during storm Gerri worked to the advantage of the City contracting 60% of the gas with Woodbridge. As projected loads increased due to the extreme cold but due to the City of Argonia and KMGA having a contract in place, KMGA avoided having to secure additional gas supply in the day Market to meet the increased demand leading up to the through Storm Gerri. Pierce told Council about the Kansas Workforce contacting the City about placing ads for Help Wanted on their Website. If the City were to set an approximate beginning wage and max wage the ad would also be featured on KWCH. The Council agreed to set a $15 to $20 wage base depending on qualifications.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by Peterson to enter into executive session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for 1 hours and 40 minutes with Pierce and Taton to remain. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 10:20 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

* **ADJOURNMENT – Council member Noland moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Tara Pierce Scott Jones

City Clerk Council President