**April 3rd, 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, Felisha Noland, Bob Randall, Scott Jones and Terina McCurley. Also present were Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Maintenance, Jake Callaway, Travis Mounts from TS News, Payson & Justice Hedlund, Christopher Schiller, Interim Police Chief, Kristina Greenwood, Bonnie Atkinson 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 McCurley to accept the April agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

* **Minutes**

March 6, 2023 regular meeting minutes were presented**. Noland made a motion, seconded by McCurley to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

* **Bills**

March bills were presented**. Jones made a motion, Noland seconded to approve March bills in the amount of $33,479.19. Motion carried 5-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – Bonnie Atkinson spoke to Council about the sidewalk at High and Vine. She asked Council if they would consider replacing the curb due to the height of the curb and the concern for hitting car doors on it and also about looking at lowering the water meter due to the change in the yard grade. Atkinson also said that the bales on the edge of the road will be there temporarily and moved after their use. Council said they would discuss her concerns and get in touch with her if they would be willing to fix any of the issues she discussed. Justice & Payson Hedlund spoke to Council once again about the barrel racing event they would like to hold at the Rodeo Grounds. Justice & Payson are eager to get the events started as soon as possibly but they are currently waiting on insurance quotes. Discussion was held on how the City could work with their group to get off the ground by waiving the $200.00 event fee for the use of the grounds in exchange for $3.00 per entrant for now and then they would report back to the City after this year’s events and discuss further rental agreements and/or fees. **Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to accept the $3.00 per entrant fee to be given to the City of Argonia for the use of the grounds. Motion carried 5-0**

**Motion by Phillips, seconded by Noland to enter into executive session with Bob Almanza at 7:31 for 15 minutes to consult with the attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship. Motion carried 5-0. Council came out of executive session at 7:46 p.m. stating no binding action taken.**

Kristina Greenwood presented to Council her suggested costs for participants to join swim team of $30.00 and also discussed a fee of $3.00 per participant to be entered into the “Utopia” System. She said the participants will also be able to purchase t-shirts as well once the design is complete. Greenwood said Argonia will not host a meet this year to get familiar with the system. Greenwood asked for a lifeguard to be on duty during practices. Practices will be 4 to 5 days a week and start date would be tentatively May 22nd. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to approve Kristina Greenwood to run swim team and use the pool as discussed with one guard on duty and the City to cover the expense of the guard. Motion carried 5-0.**

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **Chief of Police** –Interim Chief Schiller gave a report to the Council on active cases and stats. He asked Council about possibly hiring a Reserve Officer-Volunteer who would be cleared by KLETC, CPost and Sumner County Sheriff. The Reserve would only work with Schiller on duty.

**Motion by Phillips, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session for personnel matters of a non-elected personnel at 8:15 for 10 minutes with Schiller to stay. Motion carried 5-0. Council came out of executive session at 8:25 stating no binding action taken.**

* **Maintenance** – Jake Callaway updated Council on the need to get bids on the sewer lift station pump. He will gather the information and pass along to Council at the next meeting for the cost to repair or replace a worn-out pump. He updated Council on the pool, the condition of one of the mowers that will most likely need replaced next year, the lead and copper survey update and the classes he attended for water and sewer in Wichita.
* **Clerk** –Pierce spoke with Council about Argonia Days and that her and Karyn were going to meet with the Chamber & Pride Organization and try to strategize when Argonia Days could be rescheduled to fit business owner schedules, other City events and decide what would be the best option. With Graduation moving to a whole different weekend (Mother’s Day Weekend) they would have to try and secure the vendors needed to make it successful. A date in August was talked about and possibly having a “back to school bash” but the weekend was already taken by the Harper County Fair. Pierce asked to discuss wages for the pool manager, permission to write a letter to the CDBG Youth Job Training/Letter of Support and also reminded the Council the filing date deadline for elections.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by Jones to enter into executive session at 9:20 p.m. for 5 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Pierce to remain. Motion carried 5-0. Council came out of executive session at 9:25 p.m. stating no binding action taken.**

**Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to extend pay as discussed for Natalie Shirley, Pool Manager/Swim Lesson Instructor for the 2023 Season. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to enter into executive session at 9:30 p.m. for 10 minutes for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Callaway to remain. Motion carried 5-0.** **Council came out of executive session at 9:40 p.m. stating no binding action taken.**

**Motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to enter into executive session at 9:40 p.m. for 20 minutes for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Callaway to remain. Motion carried 5-0.** **Council came out of executive session at 10:00 p.m. stating no binding action taken.**

**Motion by Noland, seconded by Jones to enter into executive session at 10:00 p.m. for 30 minutes for personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Motion carried 5-0.** **Council came out of executive session at 10:30 p.m. stating no binding action taken.**

**Motion by Noland, seconded by Jones to enter into executive session at 10:30 p.m. for 5 minutes with Officer Schiller to remain for personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Motion carried 5-0.** **Council came out of executive session at 10:35 p.m. stating no binding action taken.**

**MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORT**

**Randall made a motion, seconded by Noland to accept the resignation of Jonathan Meyer effectively immediately. Motion carried 5-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT – Council member Noland moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member Randall seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.**

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City Clerk Mayor