**October 2nd, 2023: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on October 2nd, 2023 at the Argonia City Hall. Those present, Council members Felisha Noland, Casey Love, Wayne Peterson and Terina McCurley. Also present were Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Jake Callaway-Maintenance Supervisor, Chris Schiller-Chief of Police, Larry Claycomb-Black Hills Energy and Kevin Lanier-Reserve Officer.

**A quorum was present.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

**Motion by McCurley, seconded by Love to accept the October agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

* **Minutes**

September 5th regular meeting minutes were presented**. McCurley made a motion, seconded by Peterson to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

* **Bills**

September bills were presented**. Noland made a motion, McCurley seconded to approve September bills in the amount of $54,006.54 as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – Larry Claycomb from Black Hills Energy was in attendance to discuss the Gas System with the City. The Council listened to Claycomb give a presentation on a proposal for Black Hills to purchase the system. An offer was put on the table for the City. No decisions to accept or deny the proposal, but rather asked Pierce to gather information and report back to the Council next meeting.

**Scott Jones arrived at 7:30 p.m.**

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **FIRE –** Paul Conklin presented an invoice from Positive Promotions in the amount of $466.14. **Motion by McCurley, seconded by Peterson to approve the invoice as presented. Motion carried 5-0.** Conklin discussed the fire/tornado sirens. He presented two quotes for updating the current siren and a quote for an additional siren. Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to approve Conklin to purchase an E474 Encoder Siren Central Station Control Desktop 18 Function for $1990.00 and a Monitor, Receiver Decoder with Internal Relay in the amount of $2,342.00. **Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley for Conklin to purchase this equipment plus labor and not to exceed $5100.00. Motion carried 5-0.**
* **POOL –** None
* **RIVER PARK** – None
* **POLICE CHIEF** – Schiller gave his report. Schiller was happy to see the double line painted down Main Street. He told Council hopefully this will help keep drivers from making left hand turns to park. There are signs posted all down Main Street saying “No Left Turn to Park”. Schiller reported to Council that he will be moving the evidence room to a new location within the City Office. The City Office and City Maintenance Supervisor will be using the current evidence room as storage for past years paperwork and Maintenance will be also sharing the room to store items needed for storage. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to enter into executive session with Schiller to remain at 8:25 p.m. for 5 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:30 p.m. stating no binding action taken. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to enter into executive session with Schiller and Pierce to remain at 8:30 p.m. for 20 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:50 p.m. stating no binding action taken. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to give Schiller a raise as discussed. Motion carried 4-1 with Noland opposing the motion.**
* **MAINTENANCE –** Callaway let Council know that Friday, October 6th will be Kaden Dickerson’s last day for the City of Argonia as a seasonal worker. He told Council that Kaden had helped Jake organize the shop, everything was cleaned up, shelves were labeled and inventory had been taken. Callaway addressed the ongoing issue of the curb and guttering on Main Street. He addressed working on the sticker issue at the River Park and cleaning up around the River Park area. He added that a load of salt had been ordered for the Water Treatment Plant.
* **CLERK** – Pierce told Council about some upcoming meetings. One that Mayor Dolley and Pierce were attending for KMGA on October 19th and a meeting for the “Spaces to Places” Team on October 17th. Pierce asked Council permission for Pierce and Taton to attend the Kansas Pipeline Seminar in Manhattan. Council agreed to allow Pierce and Taton to attend and book a hotel room for the seminar. Pierce noted that the office will be closing October 24th-October 26th.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by Jones to enter into executive session at 9:35 p.m. to discuss non-elected personal for 15 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:55 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 5-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.**

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Tara Pierce Rick Dolley

City Clerk Mayor