**July 6, 2020: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on July 6, 2020 at the Argonia City Hall. Those present were Mayor Rick Dolley, Council members Bob Randall, Don Phillips, Felisha Noland and Terina McCurley. Also present were Tara Pierce, City Clerk, Robert Dolley, Maintenance Supervisor, Stephen Mattice, Chief of Police, Michelle Leidy-Franklin and Hope Casner.

**A quorum was present.**

Mayor Rick Dolley called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

**A motion by Randall, seconded by McCurley to accept the July agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

* **Minutes**

June regular meeting minutes were presented**. Randall made a motion, seconded by Phillips to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0**

* **Bills**

June bills were presented**. McCurley made a motion, Noland seconded the motion to approve June bills in the amount of $44,589.58. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Pam Gaddis Arrived at 7:05 p.m.**

**OPEN FORUM** – Pam Gaddis addressed the Council regarding the late fees on dog licenses. She felt they were too steep. The Council addressed the issue stating they had extended the due date by 40 days already for everyone so they had time to get their vaccinations due to Covid-19. They also stated that the safety of our community is to have all dogs within the City limits be registered with the City so that if anything should happen with an animal bite within the limits the records could quickly be pulled up to show that the animal is current on rabies. If a dog is not current that it makes the process difficult and more time consuming in a serious situation. The licenses are only $2-$4 and if everyone pays for their tags on time no penalties are passed to the animal owner. The Council did state for anyone having issues with paying the fines they will give up to 60 days from today’s date (July 6th) to pay the late fees however a copy of the current rabies shots NEED to be brought into the office as soon as possible showing that the animals have been vaccinated. If they don’t provide that the Chief of Police has the right to send a notice to give the owner a time period to get the shot records up to date if not a ticket will be issued which cost $50.00 and then there are $95 Court cost on top of that. It is important that we work with citizens to get their animals vaccinated and keep current records on file at the City Office. Council also discussed options of changing our Ordinance on the fines and fees and that other communities our size use. Pierce told Council she could have some drafts within the next few meetings for them to look at to see if it would be something we could possibly change.

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **POOL** – Hope Casner gave the pool report for the month. She stated that the life guards were working very diligently to maintain proper sanitation and keeping the City Pool clean for the safety of all those that attend. Casner also told Council that their pool vacuum was bent and that it either needed fixed or replaced. She stated they had to turn a few patrons away due to capacity limitations but it hadn’t been an issue but on one or two occasions. She asked Council if they would re-consider to allow more food to be distributed at the pool that was not “pre-packaged”. She asked if they could start selling cheese sticks, pizzas and pretzels and also asked the Council if they would consider lifting the restrictions from 30 to 45. Council said they would discuss that later in the meeting and be in touch with Pool Manager Kim Quinn. Casner also mentioned the deadbolt lock needed replaced. Dolley said he would get that done first thing on Tuesday. Council thanked all the pool employees for all their hard work during such a difficult time in making it safe for our community to attend the pool.
* **MAINTENANCE –** Robert Dolley gave his report. He presented the Council with a bill from Hach for a renewal for one year of service agreement for the water treatment plant. Motion by Randall, seconded by McCurley to pay the service agreement to Hach in the amount of $826.00. Motion carried 4-0. Security cameras were discussed again and Randall said he would research a couple more places before we make a final decision with what company we would like to go with. Robert also reported everything was going well. The pool has steadily stayed clear and chemicals were running smoothly. He reported all was going well and was enjoying his time here with the City. Dolley discussed with Council to change the Mayer bid that was previously approved to $1,812.50. They ran into some issues and had to do a little extra labor. However next year Dolley mentioned they will not need Mayer to clean out the pool as he mentioned the new way he would be doing it to save the City money. Motion by McCurley, seconded by Noland to approved the bid to Mayer in the amount of $1,812.50. Motion carried 4-0. Dolley asked Council if they could hire another part time employee to bring aboard to help with a few things like mowing and painting. Motion by McCurley, seconded by Noland to hire someone at his discretion at the wage discussed. Motion carried 4-0.
* **CLERK** – City Clerk Tara Pierce presented quarterly financials to the Council. As of the current date our budget is looking good and we were on track for the year. Pierce also presented the budget for the 2021 year. Motion by Randall, seconded by Noland to publish the budget as presented for the hearing that will be set for August 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
* **POLICE REPORT -** Officer Mattice said he had taken thirty-three calls for June and had two arrest for the month. Some of those included domestic, bank alarms, expired tags and counterfeit money calls. He said he is trying to get out and interacting with the public to get to know Argonia business owners and citizens.

**Noland made a motion, seconded by Randall to enter into executive session for 15 minutes at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:40 p.m. stating no binding action taken. **Motion by Noland, seconded by Randall** **to enter back into executive session at 9:40 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out at 9:50p.m. stating no binding action taken.

Council reported that they were going to leave the pool at 30 patrons limit as set at the beginning of the pool season and that they also were not going to allow any changes to the food being served. It will continue to only be sold as pre-packed food only.

* **Councilmember Don Phillips** mentioned that the cedar trees along the west side of the cemetery were starting to get bag worms and they needed to be sprayed. Dolley said he would get right on that and get it taken care of.
* **ADJOURNMENT –**

**Council member Randall moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member Noland seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.**

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