**April 4th, 2022: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on April 4th, 2022 at the Argonia City Building. Those present were Mayor Rick Dolley, Council members Don Phillips, Felisha Noland and Terina McCurley. Also present were Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Trent Row-City Maintenance Supervisor and James Seaton-City Maintenance.

**A quorum was present.**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

**Motion by Noland, seconded by Phillips to accept the April agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

* **Minutes**

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

March 18th special meeting minutes were presented. **Phillips made a motion, seconded by Noland to approve the special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

* **Bills**

March bills were presented**. Noland made a motion, McCurley seconded to approve March bills in the amount of $125,068.85. Motion carried 3-0.**

Council member Scott Jones arrived at the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

**OPEN FORUM** – **None**

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **FIRE DEPARTMENT– None**
* **RIVER PARK -** **None**
* **MAINTENANCE-** Row gave quotes for a new mower. **Motion by Phillips, seconded by Noland to purchase a Husler mower with flex forks from Countryside Motors for $11,873.00 and not to exceed $12,000.00 for any needed add ons including flex forks. Motion carried 4-0.** Row talked to Council about our options for a new chlorination system for the pool. Row is to get quotes and get back with Council. The baby pool is still not able to be used. Discussions on if the Council wants to replace it or to have it fixed. A splash pad was also discussed. Row told Council about some items the City would no longer need and asked about putting the items on purple wave or an auction site instead of doing a sealed bid. The Council suggested that we put a reserve on the items as follows: Recycle crusher - $6,000.00, old chevrolet pickup - $4,000.00, hustler mower with 72” deck for $4-5,000.00 and sewer water jet machine - $500.00.

**A motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to enter into executive session at 7:53 p.m. for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Row to stay. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:08 stating no binding action taken.

* **CLERK** – Jones made a motion, seconded by Noland to hire Natalie Shirley as the 2022 pool season pool manager pending we have enough guards that are certified to open the pool this season. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Noland, seconded by Jones to change the cemetery rates as discussed. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Jones, second by Noland to approve the TS News Progress Edition ad for $300.00. Motion carried 4-0. Pierce talked to Council about the interest rate on the utility accounts. Most of the residents have paid all of their bill in full leaving just approximately 40 customers that have not finished paying theirs off. **Council member Jones made a motion, seconded by Noland, motion carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution2022-01 for one more year of temporarily lowering of utility penalties to 1% and to repeal Resolution 2021-04. Motion carried 4-0.** Mayor Dolley did state that this would be the final year to leave the interest rate at 1%. Starting with the April billing of 2023, all penalties will go back to 10%. Also, the utility customers that are not making the current bill plus some of the past due gas bill from February of 2021 event will no longer be able to keep their utilities on if they do not stay current on their bills. The agreement of the payment plan that was sent to every person affected was to keep current on their monthly bill each plus a payment towards the February gas bill while the interest rate of 1% was in place.

**ADJOURNMENT – Council member Jones moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member Noland seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.**

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Tara Pierce Rick Dolley

City Clerk Mayor