**TDecember 5th, 2022: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on December 5th, 2022 at the Argonia City Hall. Those present, Council members Don Phillips, Felisha Noland and Terina McCurley. Also present were Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Jonathan Meyers-Maintenance and Michelle-Leidy-Franklin.

**A quorum was present.**

Mayor Dolley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

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

* **Minutes**

November 7th, 2022 regular meeting minutes were presented**. Phillips made a motion, seconded by Noland to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

* **Bills**

November bills were presented**. Noland made a motion, McCurley seconded to approve the November bills in the amount of $46,283.43. Motion carried 3-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – No citizens present.

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **MAINTENANCE –** Meyer reported to Council after closing the pool for the winter there were some issues with the chlorination system that would need to be addressed before the next season. Meyers also reported that he is treating the gopher problem at the Cemetery and the River Park. If the method he is using doesn’t take care of the issue the Council agreed we may need to look at having them professionally removed. Meyer discussed a few trees that need to be removed at the Cemetery, and if possible look at replacing those trees with new trees. Council agreed to look at some costs to replace the existing trees that will be removed. Meyer reported to Council that he had fixed a water main leak near Ag Enterprises. Meyer mentioned that one of the existing lines running near the area was a line that was no longer needed and did not supply water to any existing customer or address. Meyer said he put a cap on the line. Meyer asked Council if we could contact Haviland Broadband for a booster for the wi-fi in the Maintenance office as he is having issues with the internet and issues with wi-fi on the cellular line in his area of the shop. Pierce is to contact Haviland to get the issue fixed. Meyer updated Council on patching he has done to the streets with the remaining millings he had in stock. Pierce and Meyer will start working on finding a contractor to come in and repave city streets that are in much need of repairs.
* **CLERK** – Pierce went over several invoices that needed approval from the Council. Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to pay $859.42 to Sumner County Economic Development Commission for the renewal of services for 2023. Motion carried 3-0. Pierce presented a bill for Star Programming in the amount of $1,000.00 for the Annual Service Agreement & Retainer Fee. Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to pay the bill as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Pierce updated Council on the closing of the pool and that Meyer Pool Service helped Jonathan with making sure everything was done properly. The City had originally contracted Pool Medic to do the closing but they sub-contracted Meyer Pool as they were unable to make it to our area. Meyer did the closing for the same price as quoted before and Council agreed to pay the bill to Meyer Pool Service for their work that was agreed at a previous meeting in the amount of $150.00. Pierce presented a bill from Advantage Computer for the utility billing software annual contract in the amount of $750.00. Motion by Noland, seconded by Phillips to pay the contract as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Pierce presented Wichita Tractor Company invoice in the amount of $51.36 for parts for the backhoe. Motion by Phillips, seconded by Noland to pay as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 7:55 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Motion carried 3-0**. Council came out of executive session at 8:05 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 8:05 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel.** **Motion carried 3-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:15 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 8:15 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss personnel matter of non-elected personnel with Meyer to remain. Motion carried 3-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:45 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 8:45 p.m. for 25 minutes to discuss personnel matter of non-elected personnel with Pierce to remain. Motion carried 3-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:10 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 9:10 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss personnel matter of non-elected personnel. Motion carried 3-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:10 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 9:25 p.m. for 5 minutes to discuss personnel matter of non-elected personnel with Pierce to remain. Motion carried 3-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:30 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to pay a Christmas bonus to the fire department volunteers and City employees as discussed. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to give Jonathan Meyer a raise as discussed. Motion carried 3-0.

Tara asked Council with the New Year Holiday the that City will observe, the office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd, what date would work for the next scheduled meeting. Council agreed that January 9th, 2023 will be the date the next meeting will be held.

* **MAYOR REPORT: None**
* **ADJOURNMENT – Council member Noland moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member McCurley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.**

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Tara Pierce Rick Dolley

City Clerk Mayor