**November 1, 2021: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on November 1st, 2021 at the Argonia City Building. Those present, Council members Bob Randall, Don Phillips, Scott Jones and Terina McCurley. Also present were Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Michelle-Leidy-Franklin Scott Figg and D. Spence.

**A quorum was present.**

Mayor Rick Dolley called the Regular Council Meeting to order after a quorum was present at 7:00 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

**Motion by Randall, seconded by Jones to accept the November agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

* **Minutes**

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

 October 21st special meeting minutes were presented. **Jones made a motion, seconded by McCurley to approve the October special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

* **Bills**

October bills were presented**. Randall made a motion, McCurley seconded to approve the October bills in the amount of $57,452.37. Motion carried 4-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – Spence asked Council why he was getting charged for 1 unit of gas even though his read was 0. Per Ordinance 584, from Zero to the first 1,000 cubic feet, or any part thereof, per month, the price shall be figured using the actual charge, plus the transportation charge, plus the KMGA fee, plus he markup of the $3.25 per the Ordinance. The service charge is for the customer having a meter active and even though a zero amount of usage is used it still is active and still gets billed the minimum 1unit charge. If the customer does not want to be charged the service fee or the minimum of one unit charged, the meter would need to be inactive and locked out.

**Motion by Randall, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 7:07 p.m. for 20 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 7:27 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

Mike Hall of H2O out of Harper, Kansas presented a maintenance option for the City to have the water wells cleaned. Over time the wells screens can get clogged and can cause the wells to not function at full capacity. H2O uses a swabbing bush, acid to clean wells, screens and motors. They will do an assessment of the wells prior to the cleaning to make sure there are not other repairs to be done for the safety of the well. They will also assess the parts within the well to make sure there are no parts that the acid could deteriorate. The process takes about approximately 2 to 2-1/2 days so one well would be down during the duration while the maintenance was being performed. **Motion by Phillips, seconded by McCurley to have H2O to complete the process and not to exceed $13,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Motion by Randall, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 7:50 p.m. for 20 minutes to discuss personnel matter of non-elected personnel. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:10 p.m. stating no binding action taken. **Motion by Randall, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 8:10 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:40 p.m. stating no binding action taken. **Motion by Randall, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 8:40 p.m. for 5 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:45 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **FIRE – None**
* **POOL – None**
* **RIVER PARK** – The River park was discussed on ways to keep more than 4 slots open for long term campers during the winter months. He suggested sites #1-6 and #17-31. Each of these sites have the capability to have heat tape added to them and also if a camper is hooked to the water system they would need a heated hose or heat tape as well. Council decided to look at the Ordinance that the Clerk has been working on after Figg got with the Clerk for other items he would like added to the Ordinance. He told Council he would get with her in a few days with his list. Figg also mentioned that some of the camping patrons have suggested more picnic tables. Some of the tables that are currently there are in dire need of replacement. Figg said he bought one to donate to the City and gave them a figure of about $250.00 to purchase new tables for the park. Council agreed they would table it to the next meeting and decide if we could replace a few a year and get more tables that are needed for the River Park.
* **MAINTENANCE** – Row discussed with Council items that have long outwore their time. The City maintenance truck has a lot of issues. It still is getting them around but he doesn’t trust to drive it out of town. The backhoe is need of a major overhaul. It leaks a lot of oil and it is pretty wore out. Council decided to have Row check in on used backhoes that may be feasible for the City to replace the current one. Row will check around and get some prices. Mayor Dolley mentioned he has some connections for work trucks as well and will get back to Row on some of those options.

**Motion by Randall, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 9:20 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Pierce and Row to remain. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:50 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**CLERK** – Pierce talked to Council about the suggestion of the City Attorney regarding the airport hanger to finalize the paperwork. Council agreed to Contact the City Attorney to have the letter drafted for the finalizing of the agreement. Pierce presented two invoices, one for Advantage/Jayhawk Software for $750.00 and one from Star Programming in the amount of $1,000.00. **Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to pay both invoices as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

* **ADJOURNMENT – Council member Randall moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member McCurley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.**

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Tara Pierce Rick Dolley

City Clerk Mayor