**July 5th, 2022: Regular Council Meeting (Rescheduled from Monday, July 4th)**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on July 5th, 2022 at the Argonia City Building. Those present were Mayor Rick Dolley, Council members Bob Randall, Scott Jones and Terina McCurley. Also present were Tara Pierce-City Clerk, James Seaton-City Maintenance, Paul Conklin, Scott Figg and Applicant for Chief of Police position and Applicant for the Maintenance position.

**A quorum was present.**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

**Motion by Randall, seconded by McCurley to accept the July agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

* **Minutes**

June regular meeting minutes were presented**. Jones made a motion, seconded by McCurley to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

June 22nd special meeting minutes were presented. **Jones made a motion, seconded by McCurley to approve the special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

* **Bills**

June bills were presented**. Randall made a motion, Jones seconded to approve May bills in the amount of $52,020.87. Motion carried 3-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – **None**

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **FIRE DEPARTMENT–** Conklin presented a bill from Emergency Fire in the amount of $81.42. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Randall to pay the invoice as presented. Motion carried 3-0.** Conklin submitted two quotes from Emergency Fire for testing of the oxygen storage tanks and annual service to the equipment. Quote #38847 is for $626.06 and Quote #38870 is for $460.00. **Motion by Randall, seconded by McCurley to have the inspection and service to the equipment done at the quoted price. Motion carried 3-0.** Conklin also asked Council to approve borrowing $35,000.00 from the Fireman’s Relief Fund to purchase gear for the Fire Department. Pierce will type up the resolution to have ready for the next meeting for Council approval.
* **EMS –** None
* **RIVER PARK –** Figg reported some electrical issues at the River Park. Seaton told Council that Darnell Electric would be at the River Park on Wednesday to fix the electrical issues and also look into fixing the alarm system for high water in the basin of the park. Mayor Dolley asked Figg where we were with the picnic tables for the River Park. Discussions were held regarding donations of picnic tables could be exchange for free camping. Pierce said she had talked to Ricke’s and the tables were approximately $300.00 that would work for the area and that would also be foldable to put away for the winter months. Stipulations on the tables and a max of ten tables could be donated in the year. Trade for the donation of the table would allow the City to donate 14 days of free camping. **Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to approve the donation of a minimum of a $300.00 table and in return get 14 days of camping at the River Park in return. Motion carried 3-0.**
* **POOL –** Natalie gave a great report for the pool. She had 27 kids in swim lessons the first session. She will be holding another session in a few weeks. Next year she is working on holding a session of an evening to help those families out that can’t make it in the mornings. She also stated that there is a need for adult classes. She is looking at working that into the sessions next year. Council thanked her for the great work and they were very appreciative of everything she is doing to make the pool successful.
* **MAINTENANCE-** Seaton gave updates on the electrical issues at the River Park, updates on the asphalt patching and the update on the parts we are waiting on for the water treatment plant. Seaton also stated that he is getting costs on a load of dirt for the sewer lagoons.

**Motion by Jones, seconded by Randall to enter into executive session at 8:38 p.m. for 25 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel and to conduct an interview with the Maintenance applicant. Motion carried 3-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:03 p.m. stating no binding action taken. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Randall to enter into executive session at 9:03 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel and to conduct an interview with the Police Chief position. Motion carried 3-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:33 p.m. stating no binding action taken. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Randall to enter into executive session at 9:33 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel and for Seaton remain. Motion carried 3-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:43 p.m. stating no binding action taken. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Randall to enter into executive session at 9:48 p.m. for 15 minutes to consult with an attorney on matters deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship with Attorney Almanza to remain. Motion carried 3-0.** Council came out of executive session at 10:03 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

* **CLERK** – Pierce presented Ordinance 586, Regulating the rules and regulations for the administration of the municipal water system and establishing the rates for the use of water therefor and regulating the same in all respects. **Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to pass Resolution 586 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.** Ordinance 587 was presented. The Ordinance is for the transmission and distribution system in, on, under and over the streets, alleys and public places in the artificial, natural, or otherwise, for heating, domestic, industrial and other purposes; fixing the rates therefore and regulating the same in all respects. **Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to pass Ordinance 587 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.** Pierce presented the following bills to Council that needed approval. Legal Services to Robert Almanza for $1,087.50, Budget assistance by Carolyn Brock for $375.00, Renewal Invoice to PTC for $430.00, Renewal to Kamstrup for a subscription renewal for the READY software in the amount of $1,102.69. **Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to pay the above invoices as presented. Motion carried 3-0.** Pierce presented an account that needed wrote off for account #527 in the amount of $241.22. **Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to write off the amount of $241.22 as discussed. Motion carried 3-0.** Pierce also stated that the need for a cell phone booster was needed. The guys have a lot of issues while in the shop with calls coming through. Randall also stated that the need for a booster at the Water Treatment Plant would also be beneficial due to service within the building. Pierce will look into finding the best option that meets the needs for the buildings.

**Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 11:00 p.m. to discuss Personnel matters of non-elected personnel for 25 minutes. Motion carried 3-0.** Council came out of executive session at 11:25 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**COUNCIL REPORT:** Bob Randall talked to Council about the agreement the City of Wellington has for their brush pile dump. He explained that the City of Wellington has a set agreement with businesses that need access to the compost site, their fees and responsibilities of the company entering into the agreement. Council agreed to look at the agreement and possibly agree upon the contract at the next meeting. Pierce will draw up the agreement and present it at the next Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT – Council member Randall moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.**

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Tara Pierce Rick Dolley

City Clerk Mayor