**May 2nd, 2022: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on May 2nd, 2022 at the Argonia City Building. Those present were Mayor Rick Dolley, Council members Don Phillips, Felisha Noland, Bob Randall, Scott Jones and Terina McCurley. Also present were Tara Pierce-City Clerk, James Seaton-City Maintenance.

**A quorum was present.**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

**Motion by Randall, seconded by Noland to accept the May agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

* **Minutes**

May regular meeting minutes were presented**. Jones made a motion, seconded by Noland to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

May 18th special meeting minutes were presented. **Randall made a motion, seconded by McCurley to approve the special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

* **Bills**

April bills were presented**. Randall made a motion, McCurley seconded to approve April bills in the amount of $67,529.07. Motion carried 5-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – **None**

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **FIRE DEPARTMENT– None**
* **EMS –** Chrissy Bartel discussed the future of the Car Show and Street Races. After an event held in Norwich she expressed the safety of the races with the Council and ways to make sure that all race drivers and spectators were kept safe by adding additional safety measures. She also discussed EMS calls with Council and that the EMS service with Argonia was going well. Bartel discussed first responders in the Argonia area. Norwich EMS would greatly appreciate anyone who is interested to contact the City to get the information to contact Chrissy for more information. If we can get 5 to 6 citizens to take the class that would span over a (3) month period we may be able to get the class held in Argonia at the City Building or Fire Barn.
* **RIVER PARK –** After a vandalism happened at the Rodeo Grounds crows nest the Maintenance Department as well as the Council agreed that “NO TRESSPASSING” signs be added to the area. Maintenance worker James Seaton also let Council know about damage to Site #6 at the River Park and that repairs to the water and electrical box had been fixed.
* **MAINTENANCE-** Seaton presented a quote from D. Gerber Commercial Pool Products and Service, LLC to purchase needed equipment and supplies in the amount of $4,433.00. Motion by Randall seconded by Noland to approve the invoice from D. Gerber in the amount of $4,433.00 but also added an additional $567.00 to make the total $5,000.00 just in case anything should happen when installing the new chlorination system that may be needed to get the pool open. Motion carried 5-0. Seaton gave a run down of items needed updating or replaced at the water treatment plant. At this time, it is unknown of the full cost as Seaton has contacted Integrated Controls and Apac to look at some of the issues that are not functioning to full capacity. Seaton has been in contact with them as well as the certified operator Kevin McCurley to troubleshoot and keep the plant running until all functions of the water treatment plant are corrected. Seaton informed Council that Pro-Kansas has bid $4,500.00 for the recycle center bailer since the reserve was not met at the regular auction. Council discussed the bid and said they agreed to sell it at the $4,500.00 to Pro-Kansas. McCurley made a motion, seconded by McCurley, motion carried 5-0 to sell the bailer for $4,500.00 to Pro-Kansas of Wichita.
* **CLERK** – Pierce updated Council on the ARPA grant that was received. The money usage was discussed several months ago. At a previous meeting the Council had approved to have the second water well acid washed and cleaned. However, with the issues that has arose with the water treatment plant, the Council has tabled the acid wash to the second well and will make the water treatment plant a priority first and then will use the funds left to do other infrastructure projects as needed. Council agreed with this and will re-evaluate the funds allocated to infrastructure and what all it will be used for. With the Council moving the funds as a revenue loss, the City doesn’t have to use the funds by 2023, it now does not have a deadline to be spent. The money will retain in the grant fund until spent, however all documentation of how the money was used will be kept on file for the purpose of tracking how the money was used. Pierce presented a Special Event CMB License from OX Bar and Grill for Argonia Days 2022. Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley, motion carried 5-0 to approve the CMB application.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Dolley discussed picnic tables for the River Park. This had been discussed with the River Park Camp Host, however yet no picnic tables have been bought. Mayor asked Councils thought about letting one of the camp visitors to stay for free for a few days if they donate picnic tables. Also, Mayor Dolley asked that the camp attendees would also like to help with clean up of the river park if needed. Council told the Mayor Dolley that it would need to be discussed with the camp host and then if he agreed then Council may be on board with looking at some kind of compensation. Council also agreed that if picnic tables were donated they would work out something with the camping visitors also on a few days of free camping (excluding holidays) to stay at the River Park for compensation. Nothing was put to a motion without knowing the cost of the tables or how many would be donated. Mayor Dolley was going to follow up. Mayor Dolley also discussed businesses (or someone getting paid to do a job) using the tree brush pile at the same cost of an individual doing their own yard. No decision was made if this cost would be raised for anyone that is making money to haul to the brush pile. The Mayor would like the dump key to be a key not to be duplicated. This would require a special lock that would have to be bought through a special company. Mayor Dolley brought up that he believes someone is accessing the back-shop area besides employees. The locks per Maintenance was changed. Pierce suggested we hurry and get the new cameras up in the back-shop area to help to watch over the items in the shop and try to alleviate the problem.

**ADJOURNMENT – Council member Noland moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member McCurley seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.**

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Tara Pierce Rick Dolley

City Clerk Mayor