**August 3, 2020: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on August 3, 2020 at the Argonia Community Building for Social Distancing Purposes. Those present were Mayor Rick Dolley, Council members Bob Randall, Don Phillips, Felisha Noland and Scott Jones. Also present were Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Robert Dolley-Maintenance Supervisor, Stephen Mattice-Chief of Police, Kim Quinn-Pool Manager, Michelle Leidy-Franklin, and School Superintendent/Principal Rustin Clark.

**A quorum was present.**

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

**Council held a hearing for the published budget, a motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to adopt the 2020 budget as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

**A motion by Randall, seconded by Phillips to accept the August agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

* **Minutes**

July regular meeting minutes were presented**. Randall made a motion, seconded by Noland to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0**

* **Bills**

July bills were presented**. Randall made a motion, Jones seconded the motion to approve June bills in the amount of $129,552.96. Motion carried 4-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – Michelle Leidy-Franklin presented the Council with the 2020 Progress Addition and wanted to know if the City of Argonia would like to participate in it this year.  **Motion by Randall, seconded by Noland to Buy 1 full page, get 2nd page Free for $585.00. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Motion by Noland, seconded by Phillips to enter into executive session at 7:12 p.m. to conduct an interview for the open City Attorney/Prosecutor position for 20 minutes with Applicant “A” to remain. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 7:32 p.m. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to offer the position of City Attorney/City Prosecutor to Robert Almanza at the wages discussed. Motion carried 4-0.** Rustin Clark, Argonia Public Schools Superintendent and Elementary School Principal introduced himself to the Mayor and Council. The Governing Body welcomed Mr. Clark to the community and wished him luck in his new position.

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **POOL** – Kim Quinn gave an update on the closing of the Argonia Pool. The last day for the pool to be open to the public will be August 9th. Quinn told Council there is one last private pool party on the 10th and then the Maintenance Department can start closing the pool on August 11th.

**Motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to enter into executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes with Kim Quinn to remain. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 7:55 p.m. stating no binding action taken. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to enter back into executive session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss matters of non-elected personnel for 10 minutes. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:05 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

* **MAINTENANCE –** Robert Dolley gave the Maintenance report. He discussed the Water Treatment plant, pool, spraying of weeds down main street & parks, spraying the trees at the Cemetery. They have continued to be busy with mowing and maintaining daily operations but all was going smoothly. Council also talked to Dolley about patching some more areas around town and if the asphalt patching the currently used near the bank worked well and if so to purchase more to fill more areas around town. Council and Dolley also discussed cleaning up the area north of the Plains Church by removing the old satellites, tower and small shed that has deteriorated.
* **CLERK** – Pierce presented Ordinance 581, an ordinance incorporating the uniform public offense code by reference**. Motion by Randall, seconded by Jones to pass ordinance 581 as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**  Pierce presented Ordinance 582 a model ordinance incorporating the standard traffic ordinance by reference. **Motion by Randall, seconded by Jones to pass ordinance 582 as presented. Motion carried 4-0.** Pierce updated Council on reimbursements that were sent to the County for the “Spark CARES Act”. The City turned over just under $300.00 worth of receipts for supplies related to Covid-19. Council asked Pierce if she would contact the County or State to find out if there was anything we could get into place on highway 160 due to the fact that the kids living north of 160 will no longer be able to ride a bus. There was concern with them having to cross the highway with high traffic. Pierce will contact the County and start the process of asking what we can do to make the area safer for the pedestrians.
* **POLICE REPORT –** Chief Mattice gave his report on calls he had taken during this past month. He says he is still getting to know the citizens and business owners. The Chief also presented a few vehicles for a replacement vehicle for his department. Council decided to look at a few other options before making any decisions on what they are looking for and also that was cost effective.

**Motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to enter executive session at 9:05 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Chief Mattice to stay. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:35 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

Council reported that they were going to leave the pool at 30 patrons limit as set at the beginning of the pool season and that they also were not going to allow any changes to the food being served. It will continue to only be sold as pre-packed food only.

* Councilmember Randall spoke to Councilregarding a security system for both the City Building and the Water Treatment Facility. **A motion by Jones, seconded by Randall to purchase the new system from GW Securities not to exceed $4500.00. Motion carried 4-0.**
* **ADJOURNMENT –**

**Council member Randall moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member Noland seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.**

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City Clerk Mayor