**January 4, 2021: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on January 4, 2021 at the Argonia City Building. Those present were Mayor Rick Dolley, Council members Bob Randall, Don Phillips, Scott Jones and Terina McCurley. Also present were Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Robert Dolley-Maintenance Supervisor, Karyn Taton-Treasurer, Bob Almanza, City Attorney and Jessica Gerlach.

**A quorum was present.**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

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

* **Minutes**

December 7, 2020 regular meeting minutes were presented**. Jones made a motion, seconded by McCurley to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

December 16, 2020 special meeting minutes were presented**. Jones made a motion, seconded by McCurley to approve the special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

* **Bills**

December 2020 bills were presented**. Phillips made a motion, Randall seconded to approve December bills in the amount of $67,540.62. Motion carried 4-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – Jessica Gerlach approached the City Council to seek an approval letter for a Grant that a local business is pursing. The Grant is called the “Broadband Acceleration Grant” with the State of Kansas. Gerlach was seeking that Council make a prompt decision on the matter to either approve or disapprove this project for the community as the filing deadline for the Grant is January 7th, 2021. After a question and answer session was held between the Council and Gerlach, Council prompted City Clerk Pierce to draft a letter of approval for Gerlach to move forward with pursuing the Grant.

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT –** Robert Dolley updated Council on the water project that was completed at Maple & Sumpter. Maps have been updated for the project showing the new shut off valves. Dolley mentioned he is attending a pump training course in Pratt on January 26th.
* **CLERK** – Pierce reminded members of the Council when the filing deadline was for rerunning for the next election. Argonia Days and Rodeo were briefly discussed with Jessica Gerlach who represents the Conway Springs Development Group. Pierce presented a bid for the replacement to the windows in the front entrance and existing door to the front of the building. Discussion was held but decided to table this until a future meeting. There is also a leak on the top of the front of the building where water does enter into the building in heavy rains. Maintenance is going to look at it and see if it is a caulking issue or a roof issue. Randall brought up the bars that had started being placed on parts of the shop windows and asked that the project be finished on the existing windows. Maintenance will finish up this project as well.
* **MAYOR** - Mayor Dolley requested to move forward on getting signs put up at the River Park as soon as possible. Dolley and Pierce will work on getting the permission needed to place the signs on the right-of-way and order the signs that are needed.

**A motion by McCurley, seconded by Phillips to enter into executive session for 15 minutes at 8:35 p.m. with Attorney Almanza to remain to consult with the City Attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:50 stating no binding action taken. **A motion by McCurley, seconded by Phillips to enter into executive session for 15 minutes at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:05 p.m. stating no binding action taken. **A motion by McCurley, seconded by Phillips to enter into executive session for 10 minutes at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:15 p.m. stating no binding action taken. **A motion by McCurley, seconded by Phillips to enter into executive session for 20 minutes with City Clerk Pierce to remain at 9:25 p.m to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:45 p.m. stating no binding action taken. **A motion by McCurley, seconded by Phillips to enter into executive session for 15 minutes at 9:45 p.m. with City Superintendent Robert Dolley to remain to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 10:00 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

* **ADJOURNMENT – Council member Randal moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.**

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Tara Pierce Rick Dolley

City Clerk Mayor