**February 6th, 2023: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on February 6th, 2023 at the Argonia City Building. Those present, Council members Bob Randall, Don Phillips, Felisha Noland and Terina McCurley. Also present were Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Jonathan Meyer, Maintenance, Travis Mounts from TS News, Scott Figg, Christopher Schiller and Kevin Cooper with Cooper & Co., CPA’s.

**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 Noland to accept the February agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

* **Minutes**

January 9th, 2023 regular meeting minutes were presented**. Randall made a motion, seconded by Noland to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

January 19th, 2023 special meeting minutes were presented. **Randall made a motion, seconded by Noland to approve the special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

* **Bills**

January bills were presented**. Randall made a motion, Noland seconded to approve January bills in the amount of $118,259.03. Motion carried 4-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – None

Kevin Cooper of Cooper & Co. CPA’s, P.A. presented the 2021 Financial Statement and Audit.

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **River Park** – Scott Figg talked about a gentleman that could build picnic tables for the River Park and charge $25.00 over the price of the product to build them. Discussion was held and Figg would get back to the Council with more information.
* **Pool** – Council accepted the bid from R-Torrey Construction to sandblast and epoxy patch and paint the City Pool. Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to accept the bid in the amount of 64,900.00 and pay in three installments over the next three years at $21,633.00. Motion carried 4-0.
* **Maintenance** - Jonathan Meyer gave the Maintenance Report. Meyer asked to attend the D. Gerber Commercial Pool CPO Class that will be held Tuesday, April 11th in Wichita. The cost to attend the class is $350.00. Motion by Phillips, seconded by Randall to allow Meyer to attend the class. Motion carried 4-0. Meyer talked to Council about the need for a camera system to help in an area to detour ongoing issues. Council agreed that it would be beneficial to install. Council told Meyer to find something not to exceed $500.00 and use his judgment to find what would work best. Meyer addressed the issue of the erosion of the River bank at the River Park. Council told him to get some information on which way would be allowable and/or looking at a consultant to look at the area and recommend the best option to slow or stop the erosion. Meyer presented a contract bid from South Central Sealing and Paving for asphalt repair around town. The proposal bid was in the amount of $14,287.50. He also asked to do a few adjustments to the bid. Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to accept the bid and allow a little extra to add to the bid and not to exceed $15,000.00. Motion carried 4-0. Meyer presented a quote from MAC (McConnell & Associates) for a pallet (56 bags) of UPM Pot Hole Patch. It was a product that has been used by several cities and also the Kansas Turnpike and they had great things to say about this product and he would like to purchase the product to allow the City Maintenance Crew to fix street pot holes as they arise. Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to purchase the pot hole patch and not to exceed $1700.00. Motion carried 4-0. Meyer addressed that the basketball courts at the City Park were needing some repairs and also the Water Treatment Facility Lagoons were due for another disposal of extra water. Meyer reported the annual KRWA Water Conference was coming up in March and would like for himself, Jake and Kevin to all attend. The cost per person would be $180.00. Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to approve all three to attend the conference. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion by Phillips, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 9:05 p.m. for 15 minutes for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Meyer to remain. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:20 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

* **Clerk Report** – Pierce asked Council if they could make the decision on the presentation of the Gas Pre-pay contract that she had presented at the January 9th Regular Council meeting between the City, KMGA and Minnesota Municipal Gas Agency. A motion was made by Noland and seconded by McCurley not to enter into the agreement. Motion carried 4-0. A Council workshop date was discussed and after consideration of a date and what needed to be worked on, Noland and Pierce are going to work on a project together and then present it to the Council at a later date for review. Pierce presented the updated payment plan on the Gas Low Interest Loan Rate. On January 1, 2023 the interest rate jumped from .25% to 2.68% on the loan. The loan installment payments went up by $262.53 each month. Discussions was held about looking at the budget balance of the Gas Fund closer to the end of the year and see how much would be left to be able to pay a lump sum to pay it down more quickly.

Pierce reported that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued regulations requiring all public water supply systems to develop a Lead Service Line Inventory on both our City water system and the privately-owned service lines. The City has until October 16, 2024 to complete the inventory. Pierce presented to Council a survey that will be sent out to all citizens regarding the information the City Staff will need to complete the inventory in compliance to the EPA regulations. Pierce presented Ordinance No. 591 for Bulk Water. Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Motion carried 4-0. Pierce talked to Council about the rodeo grounds and someone who has interest in holding an event there maybe once to twice a month. Council agreed to listen to their idea and try and save the rodeo grounds if possible. A lot of work needs done to the arena and this may help with some of the cost for the upkeep.

**Mayor Dolley**

Mayor Dolley spoke about the need for speed signs around town on the side streets so that the speed limit is more enforceable. No action was taken and information is being gathered on how many would be needed and the cost to buy and install the signs.

**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 10:05 p.m.**

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Tara Pierce Rick Dolley

City Clerk Mayor