**October 5, 2020: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on October 5, 2020 at the Argonia City Building. Those present were Mayor Rick Dolley, Council members Bob Randall, Felisha Noland, Scott Jones and Terina McCurley. Also present were Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Robert Dolley-Maintenance Supervisor and Michelle Leidy-Franklin.

**A quorum was present.**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

**A motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to accept the October agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

* **Minutes**

October 5th regular meeting minutes were presented**. Randall made a motion, seconded by Noland to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.** September 24th Special meeting minutes were presented**. Randall made a motion, seconded by McCurley to approve the special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

* **Bills**

September bills were presented**. Randall made a motion, Jones seconded to approve September bills in the amount of $73,898.02. Motion carried 4-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – None

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **EMS Report –** Chrissy Bartel sent an update on the EMS Report. She said as of September 26th they had 9 calls in Argonia for the month of September. They are also doing standby for two football games that are currently scheduled. She wanted to let Council know that they were aware that Sumner County is still making efforts to consolidate Sumner Co. EMS into one county agency under Wellington Fire Department are still lingering. Chrissy said she was made aware of this a couple weeks ago. Those conversations are still being had. Norwich EMS is still trying to be proactive and recently appeared before the Sumner County Commissioner meeting. She said this is a topic that the Argonia Mayor and Council should watch very carefully. She thanked the Council for continuing to allow Norwich EMS to allow them to take care of our community.
* **MAINTENANCE –** A letter that was received from the Rural Water District was tabled until they could come to a meeting and state their cause for reimbursement. Robert updated Council on the street project and future cleaning of the gutters on Main Street. He also updated Council on the Water Tower Project. This project would start the first full week of October and last about a week to ten days. He mentioned the Gas Audit that was going to be performed on October 13th and 14th with the State of Kansas. Pierce, Dolley and Black Hills had already prepared the paperwork for the audit and had everything in order for the review. Robert told Council that he had attended two certification classes and a chlorine class. Everything is running smoothly and he said he is really learning a lot from these.
* **CLERK** – Pierce talked to Council about the letters she had received in regards to the fall rodeo. Michelle-Leidy-Franklin said they thought everything went pretty smoothly and said that next year the Conway Springs Development Council will not be doing the Argonia Days rodeo and that they would like to only do the fall memorial rodeo. The City Council expressed they would not like to lose the traditional rodeo that is held in May but will look into their options. Michelle also told the Council that more attention to the bleachers for next year would need to be addressed. Pierce updated Council that the 2019 Financial Audit was going to take place during the month of October with Cooper CPA. Pierce presented a Coronavirus Relief Fund Memorandum of Understanding to the Mayor and Council in regards to monies that the City of Argonia could receive on behalf of a Grant that Sumner County had receive. On June 16, 2020 the State Finance Council approvedthe Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) Taskforce’s proposal to distribute money to Sumner County to help address the health and economic challenges inflicted by COVID-19 based on Sumner County’s population and impact from COVID-19 with funds provided for reimbursement of COVID-19 related costs and as direct aid unless otherwise approved by the SPARK Taskforce. Argonia is to receive $9,649.66. These funds have to be spent within the City itself and not to businesses per the specification within the Relief Package that was being distributed. **A motion by Randall, seconded by Jones, motion carried 4-0 to accept the Coronavirus Relief Fund Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried 4-0.**  Also presented was the Coronavirus Relief Fund Resolution. **A motion by Randall, seconded by Jones, motion carried 4-0 to adopt the Resolution set forth by Sumner County.** **Motion carried 4-0.** Discussions were held to spend the money on an enclosure and security of the front office, computer(s) for the office for the ability to work from home if needed due to the Coronavirus amongst other ways to distribute the money within the City to continue safety of our citizens and employees against the outbreak of Coronavirus as long as the guidelines of the relief package were met.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter executive session at 8:30 p.m. for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with City Attorney Bob Almanza to remain. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:50 p.m. stating no binding action taken. **Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter back into executive session at 8:50 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with City Attorney Bob Almanza to remain. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out at 9:20 p.m. stating no binding action taken. **Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter back into executive session at 9:20 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with City Attorney Bob Almanza to remain. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:30 p.m. stating no binding action taken. **Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter back into executive session at 9:30 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Pierce to remain. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:40 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

* **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 9:40 p.m.**

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Tara Pierce Rick Dolley

City Clerk Mayor