**September 7th, 2022: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on September 7th, 2022 at the Argonia City Hall. Those present, Council members Bob Randall, Don Phillips, Scott Jones, Felisha Noland and Terina McCurley. Also present were Tara Pierce-City Clerk, James Seaton-Maintenance Supervisor, and Lesley Thompson.

**A quorum was present.**

Mayor Dolley called the RNR hearing to order at 7:00 p.m**. Roll Call was taken, All members of Council. The following Council members were present: Scott Jones, Bob Randall, Felisha Jones, Don Phillips and Terina McCurley and Mayor Rick Dolley. Motion by Randall, seconded by Jones to pass resolution 2022-02. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Motion by Randall, seconded by Noland to Adjourn the RNR Hearing at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Mayor Dolley called the Budget Hearing to order at 7:04 p.m. Motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to adopt the 2023 budget as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Motion by Randall, seconded by Noland to adjourn the Budget hearing at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.**

Mayor Dolley called the Regular Council meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

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

* **Minutes**

August 1st regular meeting minutes were presented**. Jones made a motion, seconded by McCurley to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

August 19th special meeting minutes were presented. **Jones made a motion, seconded by Phillips to approve the special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

August 23rd special meeting minutes were presented. **Jones made a motion, seconded by Phillips to approve the special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

* **Bills**

August bills were presented**. Randall made a motion, Noland seconded to approve August bills in the amount of $168,335.27. Motion carried 5-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – Lesley Thompson spoke to Council regarding a beer garden during the Drag Races. Motion by Noland, 2nd by Randall to grant OX Bar and Grill the Special License for the event on October 8th. Motion carried 5-0. Lesley also spoke to Council regarding the current gas meter located at the OX Bar and Grill. She asked Council if the City would put in a larger gas meter for the service needed to adequately handle the needed natural gas for the business. Council agreed to upgrade the meter to a larger meter at the cost to the City.

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **FIRE –** Conklin gave an update on fire calls for the year and the need for volunteers. He also stated that some repairs to the City fire truck was needed. Pierce presented Resolution 2022-03 for Fire Fighting Equipment Loan Agreement for the transfer of funds from the Argonia Fireman’s Relief Association to pay for the costs and restructure of current existing firefighter’s existing loans pursuant to K.S.A 40-1707(f). Motion by Randall, seconded by McCurley to adopt Resolution 2022-03. Motion carried 5-0.
* **POOL – None**
* **RIVER PARK** – **None**
* **MAINTENANCE –** Discussions about electrical issues at the River Park, discussions on the closing of the pool and training for the new hire Jonathan Meyer on the Water Treatment Facility.

Vickie Spence arrived at 8:00 p.m. after the open forum but Council agreed to let her speak. She just had questions regarding policy and procedure of how she can get an agenda or on the agenda prior to the meeting. Clerk advised her that they are available at the meetings. She also asked about one of the workers being in her back yard and wanted to know what was going on. We advised her they were switching out an automatic reader to her water meter and doing a recheck on a water read. Spence left the meeting.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss non-elected personal for 10 minutes with Pierce and Meyer to remain. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:15 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter back into executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss non-elected personal for 15 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:30 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to enter back into executive session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss non-elected personal for 30 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:00 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**CLERK** – Discussions were held regarding a burial fee for a service that was held in the Argonia Cemetery. Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to refund ½ of the cost associated with the Delling burial. The check will need made payable to the Sedgwick County Firefighters Benefit Assc. Motion carried 5-0. New office hours were discussed. Office hours will remain the same, however on Friday’s the office will be closed to the public at noon. The office staff can take a 30-minute lunch and end the Friday at 4:30 p.m. This is a trial basis and if it works well it will become permanent hours of operation. Council approved for Pierce and Taton to attend a Black Hills Energy Gas Conference in Manhattan, Ks. October 25th-27th. The office will be closed during these days while staff attend the training. Pierce presented a bill from Attorney Almanza for the Court reporter Vicki Hamilton in the amount of $112.00. Motion by Randall, seconded by Phillips to pay the bill as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Randall, seconded by Noland to adjourn at 9:51 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

* **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 9:42 p.m.**

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Tara Pierce Rick Dolley

City Clerk Mayor