**December 8, 2021: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on December 8, 2021 at the Argonia City Building. Those present, Council members Bob Randall, Don Phillips, Scott Jones, Felisha Noland and Terina McCurley. Also present were Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Karyn Taton-Treasurer, Trent Row-Maintenance Supervisor, Casey Love and Ken Stitt.

**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 Phillips to accept the December agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

* **Minutes**

November regular meeting minutes were presented**. Jones made a motion, seconded by Phillips to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

* **Bills**

November bills were presented**. Randall made a motion, Noland seconded to approve November bills in the amount of $58,444.33. Motion carried 5-0.**

**City Clerk Tara Pierce swore in Mayor Dolley as the re-elected Mayor for his new term and swore in Council members Scott Jones and Terina McCurley for their new terms after being re-elected in the November elections.**

**OPEN FORUM** – Ken Stitt addressed the Council about being interested in renting the open hanger at the airport. Council listened to Casey Love and Ken discussed future plans for the airport and additions to help the airport grow in the future. Council did tell Stitt they would be interested in leasing the hanger to him and they would discuss the rate to cover liability insurance and taxes and get back with him as soon as possible.

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **MAINTENANCE –** Council talked with Row about more rock needed on the rocked roads as discussed in prior meetings. Row stated that the rock had been ordered, however, the company we had been receiving the rock from was down to one driver and they were backlogged. Row said we should be receiving another load next week. Council discussed the backhoe and trying to find a reasonably priced new or used one as the current backhoe was going to cost more than it was worth to repair.

**Motion by Noland, seconded by Randall to enter into executive session at 8:00 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Row to stay. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:10 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

* **CLERK** – Pierce presented a bill from Emergency Fire in the amount of $475.00.  **Motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to pay the invoice as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to pass the GAAP Resolution 2021-06. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to accept the applications and approve the CMB licenses for the Full Moon Bar & Grill and Quick Pick #8. Motion carried 5-0.** Airport Hanger #5 was discussed for a possible renter. Council decided to rent the hanger at $400.00 a month for the first year. The lease can be renewed year to year at the price set by the Governing Body and the renter will be notified at least 60 days before the renewal of the contract to discuss the rate of the hanger. Pierce has been in touch with the insurance company about liability insurance for the airport and the hanger in which the City took back over in December of this year.

**Motion by Phillips, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:45 p.m. stating no binding action taken. **Motion by Phillips, seconded by McCurley to enter back into executive session at 9:45 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:55 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**Motion by Jones, seconded by Phillips to give Cooper Topinka a raise as discussed and back date the pay to the 5th of November when Cooper accepted the full-time position that was offered to him after the prior month’s council meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Jones, seconded by Phillips to give Fire Chief Paul Conklin a Christmas bonus as discussed and also a bonus as discussed to each fire department volunteer at Conklin’s discretion. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Jones, seconded by Phillips to award Christmas bonuses to the City Employee’s as discussed. Motion carried 5-0.**

* **ADJOURNMENT – Council member Randall moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member Noland seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.**

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Tara Pierce Rick Dolley

City Clerk Mayor