**November 2nd, 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 Felisha Noland, Scott Jones, Donnie Phillips and Terina McCurley. Also present were Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Robert Dolley-Maintenance Supervisor, Randy Tracy, Casey Love 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 McCurley to accept the November agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

* **Minutes**

October 5th regular meeting minutes were presented**. Jones made a motion, seconded by Noland to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

* **Bills**

October bills were presented**. Jones made a motion, McCurley seconded to approve October bills in the amount of $40,117.91. Motion carried 4-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** –

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **MAINTENANCE –** Randy Tracy a board member from Rural Water District #4. During a week in July the District found their chlorine levels to be low causing part of the rural water to fall under a boil advisory. The City of Argonia was never under the boil advisory due to the levels in Argonia were always in compliance of State regulations. The rural water board was asking the City to help with some reimbursement due to costs the incurred during the issue. Council members felt that the City was not responsible for the costs that the rural water was charged for however the Council was fully in favor of trying to find a way to help the rural water with ways to help them find a way to help them find a solution to the issue. It was mentioned that maybe the rural water needed to install a chlorine injector closer to the southern end of their connection line to help the chlorine levels to stay stable. Casey Love asked permission from the Council to put in a propane tank at his facility at the Airport. All Council members were all in agreement that it would be more cost effective for his to follow through with his recommendation.
* **FIRE DEPARTMENT –** Pierce reported on behalf of Fire Chief Paul Conklin on a couple of requests that he had. The fire department need a 4 Gas Pro for detection of explosives, natural gas, propane etc and also a carbon dioxide detector**. Motion by Noland, seconded by Phillips to approve the purchase of these two items and not to exceed $900.00.** Conklin is also requesting that eight gauges on the City fire truck needed replaced. Cost would be anywhere from $1,000.00-$1500.00**. Motion by Noland, seconded by Phillips to approve the gauges to be replaced and not to exceed $2,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.** Conklin is also going to need a new tarp tat will need to be replaced and will advise Council at the next meeting of the cost for replacement.
* **POLICE REPORT** - **Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley to accept the resignation of Stephan Mattice dated October 6, 2020. Motion carried 4-0.**
* **MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:** Dolley reported to Council that they had to have an emergency repair to the Sewer Lift and had to have a service call to troubleshoot the issue. That troubleshooting call was $818.83. **Motion by McCurley, seconded by Noland to pay for the service call in the amount of $818.83. Motion carried 4-0.** Dolley reported that to replace the main circuit board the cost would be $1,836.42. **Motion by McCurley, seconded by Noland to pay the bill as presented. Motion carried 4-0.** Dolley presented three quotes from Black Hills Energy. A bill to repair a leak on an inlet riser at 610 S. Main in the amount of $3,964.30**. Motion by Jones, seconded by Phillips to pay the quote as presented. Motion carried 4-0.** Dolley presented a quote to repair a service tee leak by replacing the service feeding to at 118 N. High street in the amount of $3,379.41**. Motion by Jones, seconded by Phillips to pay the quote as presented. Motion carried 4-0.** Dolley said that we needed to have four anodes between High and Elm, north of Walnut to be replaced. The cost of repair is $2,973.23. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Phillips to pay the quote as presented. Motion carried 4-0.** Dolley also discussed with Council the need for repairs needed to the shut off valves to the water tower. He also reported the pool had been winterized for the winter**.**
* **CLERK** – Pierce presented several bids for the cutting down, trimming and cleanup of trees to the City Park. **Motion by Phillips, seconded by Jones to accept the bid by Swingle Tree Service in the amount of $1,450.00. Motion carried 4-0.** Pierce updated Council of the SPARKS funds that they were receiving from Sumner County. This money had been discussed with Council in last months meeting and how to use the funds that meet the guidelines set by the State for the SPARKS funding. It was decided amongst the Council that an enclosure to the front office would be a great way to utilize the funds. This would ensure safety for our citizens and our employees. **A motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to accept the bid of $9,000.00 to Green Construction. Motion carried 4-0.** Half of the cost will be paid in advance and the other half upon completion. This would leave an amount of $649.66 to be spent before December 31st unless Congress passes an amendment to the grant to extend the time frame for the funds to be spent. The Council will move forward with those leftover funds and how to utilize them per guidelines set by the SPARKS committee. Pierce presented a renewal for Jayhawk Software Renewal in the amount of $750.00. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to accept the renewal as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**
* **MAYOR** – Mayor Dolley told Council that he had attended a Sumner County Economic Development meeting recently. He stated that the SCEDC had purchased a building in Caldwell and they were planning great things in the future. He also discussed the SCEDC were looking into co-op Health Insurance plan that could help the small cities with affordable health care.
* COUNCIL – Phillips asked that the City look into putting up a sign to the entrance of the River Park. He stated that it would be easier for people who are coming into town to visit the camping area to be able to see the entrance better especially at night when it is hard to see the entrance. Pierce and Dolley are going to look at costs and report back to the Council.
* **ADJOURNMENT – Council member Noland moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member McCurley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.**

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Tara Pierce Rick Dolley

City Clerk Mayor