**April 1, 2024: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on April 1, 2024 at Argonia City Hall.

Roll call was taken: Mayor Rick Dolley, Council members Scott Jones, Casey Love and Wayne Peterson. Absent: Felisha Noland.

Also present at the meeting were: Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Kevin Lanier-Officer, Paul Conklin-Fire Chief and Herschel West-Waste Connections.

Mayor Dolley determined a Quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

**Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to accept the April agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

* **Minutes**

March regular meeting minutes were presented**. Love made a motion, seconded by Jones to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

* **Bills**

March bills were presented**. Jones made a motion, Love seconded to approve March bills in the amount of $99,099.98 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – Herschel West with Waste Connection was present to discuss any cares or concerns with the service they are providing to the City and the community members. Discussions were held about the contract that will be ending in March 2025.

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **FIRE –** Conklin reported to Council that the garage doors at the Fire Station had issues and would like for them to be serviced. **Motion by Jones , seconded by Peterson to approve Three Brothers Garage to do the repairs and not to exceed $600.00. Motion carried 3-0.** Paul mentioned that we previously in November approved a Grant approved for the Fire Department for 11050.00 for fire gear, however the cost exceeded the original for $11,050.00 but the invoice exceeded the approval for $230.00. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to approve the additional $230.00 to pay the invoice. Motion carried 3-0.** Conklin also mentioned having the Encoder worked on for the sirens. He said the electrical panel needed some electrical work on the outside of the box. Council agreed to have Tara contact an electrician to have the electrical box fixed for the purpose of safety to others.

**Council Member Terina McCurley arrived at 6:30 P.M.**

* **POLICE REPORT** - Officer Lanier gave his monthly police report. The police car is needing new tires. **Motion by Love, seconded by Jones to approve the new tires to be purchased from Kyle’s Service and not to exceed $900.00. Motion carried 4-0.**
* **MAINTENANCE –** Callaway was absent from the meeting so Pierce briefly discussed a couple of bids that needed approval for spraying the River Park. Pierce presented a quote from Orin Pankratz in the amount of $660.00 and Hydro Chem in the amount of $1,475.00. **Motion by Love, seconded by McCurley to approve the bid from Orin Pankratz in the amount of $660.00. Motion carried 4-0.** Pierce also told Council they had not received any bids for the Golf Cart. **Love made a motion, seconded by Peterson for the City of sell the golf cart to first come first service for $500.00. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Motion by Peterson, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties for 5 minutes with Attorney Bob Almanza to remain. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 7:05 p.m. stating no binding action taken. **Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to agree to a settlement on an ongoing collection case. Motion carried 4-0.**

* **CLERK** – Pierce presented four bills that did not make deadline for the end of the month and asked for them to be approved for payment. Those bills were A&A Auto for $7.29 and one for MKC in the amount of $436.86 **Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to pay these bills as discussed, motion carried 4-0**. Pierce presented a contract that was approved with JCI back in December that was not to exceed $5,000.00 to replace the sewer pump at the lift station. In March we received an invoice from Fluid Equipment for replacing the sewer pump for $5,768.38. This need to be re-approved since the company and amount changed from the previous approval. **Motion by Love, seconded by Peterson to pay Fluid Equipment $5,768.38. Motion carried 4-0.** Pierce updated Council on Quarterly Financials and Budget Analysis Overview.

**Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to enter into executive session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel for 30 minutes with Pierce to remain. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:00 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

**Motion** **by Jones, seconded by McCurley to enter back into executive session at 8:00 p.m. for 1 hour to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Pierce to remain. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:00 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

* **ADJOURNMENT – Council member McCurley moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member Love seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

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City Clerk Mayor