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July 1st, 2024: Regular Council Meeting

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

Roll call was taken: Those present were Mayor Rick Dolley, Council members Scott Jones, Casey Love and Wayne Peterson. Not present was Felisha Noland.

Also present at the meeting were: Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Jake Callaway-Maintenance Supervisor, Charlie Jenkins, Tim Scott, Brent Dolley and Natalie Shirley-Pool Manager.

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 July agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

- **Minutes**

May meeting minutes were presented. Jones made a motion, seconded by Peterson to approve the June regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

- **Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to accept the June 10th Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**
- **Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to accept the June 17th Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**
- **Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to accept the June 18th Special Meeting Minutes as presented with the amended changes to change the wording "Wedman" to "Callaway" in those present at the meeting. Motion carried 3-0.**
- **Bills - June bills were presented. Jones made a motion, Love seconded to approve June bills in the amount of \$58,339.64 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

OPEN FORUM – Charlie Jenkins spoke to Council about the drainage on Elm street to the drainage ditch on the south side of Garfield. Callaway said he had tried a few times to fix the issue but it was too wet and he was getting stuck. He told Charlie he would get it cleaned out. Brent Dolley expressed some concerns to Council he had.

Mayor Dolley spoke to Council about filling the vacant Council seat replacing Terina McCurley. Mayor Dolley said he would like to appoint Tim Scott to fill the position. Council agreed for Scott to take the elected seat. Mayor Dolley swore in Scott and asked him to take a seat at the table.

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DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

- **FIRE** - None
- **MAINTENANCE** - Callaway discussed the side by side having issues with metal pieces in the oil. He took it to Countryside Motors to be looked at. Callaway discussed a portable building to be put at well #6 to cover the electrical system and keep the well up at running by adding in air conditioning as the well overheats each summer and can't be utilized. He presented a quote from Legacy Buildings in the amount of \$2,648.40. **Motion by Jones, 2nd by Scott to approve the building to be purchased. Motion carried 4-0.**

Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to enter into executive session at 6:22 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes with Jake Callaway to remain. Motion carried 4-0. Council came out of executive session at 6:37 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to enter into executive session at 6:37 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes. Motion carried 4-0. Council came out of executive session at 6:47 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

- **POLICE REPORT** - Schiller gave June police report. Schiller had several reports of trespassing, vandalisms and thefts. Schiller also discussed the cat problem at Main and Garfield. The Council agreed to have Schiller wait 60 days to see if the problem resolved or a letter to the property owner will be given.
- **POOL REPORT** - Natalie told Council about several issues needed to be fixed or replaced at the pool especially before next season. She asked that the slides be re-sealed to fix the leaking at the seams, a water fountain that has been broken, busted jets, guard tubes and needing new chairs.

Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to enter into executive session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with Natalie Shirley and Tara Pierce to remain. Motion carried 4-0. Council came out of executive session at 7:50 stating no binding action taken.

- **RIVER PARK** - Pierce told Council that the River Park has had an abundance of long-term campers due to the new wind farm going in. These long-term camp sites are expected to last enter the fall and with the holidays and drag race event already being booked by other camp visitors we are looking for a solution for the long-term campers to have a place to stay for short periods of time during these weekends. Council agreed to allow those long-term campers to move over to the North East corner of the River Park in the open rodeo ground area and run off

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generators during these times to allow them to stay in the park while waiting for their long-term site to be temporarily vacated. Discussion on staying open during the winter months was also discussed and it will be determined on how many RV sites will need to remain open. That will be assessed at a later date this fall.

- **CLERK** – Pierce spoke to Council on the timeline of the 2025 Budget and gave them the timeline for deadlines this year. Pierce presented a quote from Black Hills Energy to fix a gas leak on the City side at 318 W. Walnut in the amount of \$8,236.36. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Love to accept the bid for the repair as quoted. Motion carried 4-0.** Pierce asked for Council's decision on the property assessment for Carna M. Yipe. **Motion by Love, seconded by T. Scott to allow Yipe to pay \$1500.00 upfront to the City of Argonia and the assessment would be removed from the tax rolls. If Yipe does not pay the \$1500.00 up front the assessment would not be removed. Motion carried 4-0.** Pierce presented two invoices that came in after the bills were processed. The first invoice is from A & A Auto for \$132.32 and Bob Almanza \$326.25. **Motion by Love, seconded by T. Scott to approve the two invoices as presented. Motion carried 4-0.** Pierce presented a renewal the Kamstrup Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$1,214.07. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Love to pay as presented. A motion was made by Jones, seconded by Scott to pay Kristina Greenwood \$800.00 as swim team coach and thanked her for continuing the season and making the program a success. Motion carried 4-0.**

Motion by Love, seconded by Jones to enter into executive session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel with Pierce to remain. Motion carried 4-0. Council came out of executive session at 9:20 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

- Wayne Peterson left at 9:20 p.m.

Motion by Love, seconded by Jones to enter into executive session at 9:20p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for 20 minutes. Motion carried 3-0. Council came out of executive session at 9:50 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

- **ADJOURNMENT** – Council member Love moved to adjourn the meeting. Council member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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