**September 4th, 2024: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on September 4th, 2024 at Argonia City Hall.

Roll call was taken: Those present were Mayor Rick Dolley, Council members Scott Jones, Tim Scott and Wayne Peterson. Also present at the meeting were: Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Paul Conklin-Fire Chief, Cecil Ast, Greg Sheer, Scott Figg, Clint Ast and Kevin Cooper of Cooper & Co., CPAs.

Mayor Dolley called the August regular council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

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

* **Minutes**

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

* **Bills -** August bills were presented**. Jones made a motion, Scott seconded to approve August bills in the amount of $106,709.31 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – Kevin Cooper of Cooper & Co., CPA’s presented the 2023 Audit. Clint Ast reported to Council that he had patched the gazebo floor and fixed holes in the road around the campground. He said the sticker issue at the River Park has overcome the campground area and he talked with Council about a solution to the problem.

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **FIRE DEPARTMENT –** Conklin presented an invoice from Emergency Fire in the amount of $1,377.16 for racking compartments on the firetruck. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to approved the invoice as presented. Motion carried 3-0.** Conklin presented two invoices from Jacobs Enterprises. The first invoice was for repairs to the air-conditioner at the Fire Barn in the amount of $980.00. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to approved the bill as presented. Motion carried 3-0.** The second invoice was for the Ice Machine at the Fire Barn in the amount of $348.00. **Motion by Peterson, seconded by Jones to approve the invoice as presented. Motion carried 3-0.** Conklin updated Council on the 400-800 change in the Fire Departments radios. He said he is looking into finding used radios as it is going to be a large expense. Conklin said as soon as he had more information he’d get back to Council. Conklin gave an update on the RUN totals for 2024. As of 9/3/2024 they have had a total of 53 calls for service.
* **RIVER PARK** – Scott Figg told Council that they had a quilt raffle and made enough for six more picnic tables for the River Park. Some items of discussion were the need for more camping sites and looking into the current alert system for flooding and if additional alert systems should be put into place.
* **POLICE –** Schiller gave a monthly report . He spoke with Council about some equipment he’d like to purchase to try. Since the amount of the equipment was under $500.00 the Council told him to purchase what he needed. Schiller discussed a property that has a severe Ordinance Violation. He has sent a certified letter with no response and was going to issue a citation to appear in court.
* **MAINTENANCE –** No report given. All items on agenda were tabled until the next regular Council meeting. Pierce did present an invoice from Layne Christensen for $3,936.00 to be approved for an emergency repair for the water treatment plant. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Scott to approve the purchase as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**
* **CLERK** – Pierce presented Resolution 2024-03 – Kansas Community Empowerment Program. This Resolution is being presented so that the City of Argonia can apply for grants through the K-State. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Scott to pass the Resolution as presented. Motion carried 3-0.** Pierce presented a social media policy, Council tabled the policy until the next meeting so they would have more time to review the policy. Pierce gave an update on the Lead and Copper Requirement and that the she has completed the project and has submitted. Other bills presented that needed approval from Council that came in after the end of the month were as follows: Firehouse Inspection - $100.00, Cooper & Co.-$9,720.00, Kansas One Call-$6.00. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Scott to approve the presented invoices. Motion carried 3-0.**

**Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to enter into executive session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried 3-0.** Council came out of executive session at 9:35 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

* **ADJOURNMENT – Council member Jones moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.**

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Tara Pierce Rick Dolley

City Clerk Mayor