**February 3rd, 2025: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on February 3rd, 2025 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, Karyn Taton-Treasurer and Craig Eubank-Maintenance.

Mayor Dolley called the February regular council meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

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

* **Minutes**

January 6th, 2025 regular meeting minutes were presented**. Jones made a motion, seconded by Scott to approve the January regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

* **Special Meeting Minutes**

January 9th, 2025 special meeting minutes were presented. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Scott to approve the January 9th special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

* **Bills -** January bills were presented**. Jones made a motion, Scott seconded to approve January bills in the amount of $108,687.74 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – None

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **FIRE DEPT** – None
* **POLICE –** None
* **ATTORNEY** – Pierce presented to Council two past due utility accounts that she had turned over to the City Attorney for collections. Those customers to date still had not made any attempt to pay the debt so Pierce asked Council for permission to start proceedings for petition to the Court system. Council agreed to proceed with collections through Sumner County Court.
* **MAINTENANCE** – Craig discussed the back hoe with Council. Discussions were held on it needing replaced in the near future. The hot water heater at the River Park is needing replaced. The Council discussed a tankless on demand tank. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Scott to purchase the tank through Amazon, fittings and upgrading the electrical for the tank not to exceed $800.00. Motion carried 3-0.** Craig discussed rock needed for the River Park, Cemetery and Streets. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to purchase the rock and have Nathan Coleman haul the loads and not to exceed $4,000.00. Motion carried 3-0.** Craig told Council the street sweeper needed the brushes replaced. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Scott to allow the purchase of the replacement parts and not to exceed $600.00. Motion carried 3-0.**

Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to enter into executive session at 7:20 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried 3-0.Council came out of executive session at 7:30 p.m. stating no-binding action taken.

* **CLERK** – Pierce presented the annual licensing for Significant Digits, Inc. **Motion by Scott, seconded by Peterson to pay the licensing in the amount of $650.00. Motion carried 3-0.** **Motion by Peterson, seconded by Scott for Pierce to cut a check to the USPS for billing account at the post office in the amount of $2,000.00. Motion carried 3-0.**  Pierce told Council about the KCC Mock Emergency Drill that will be held on April 3rd. Council was invited to the training. Pierce discussed the contract with Haviland Broadband. Currently the City has IT services for on site and remote. The City is needing a back up system for the office computers. Haviland was willing to trade on-site training through the contract to add the back up system for the same cost. The City will still have remote IT services but if services are needed on site the cost will be $125.00 an hour billed in 15 min. increments. Pierce told Council that they will be advertising this month for the Pool Manager and Lifeguards. Discussions were held on a pay increase for the starting wage for the guards. The Council discussed to raise the starting pay to $9.00 and hour and for each year returning an additional .25 cents per year added. **Council member Jones made a motion, seconded by Peterson to approve the wages for the lifeguards as discussed. Motion carried 3-0.** Council approved for Pierce and Taton to attend a water/wastewater utility rates and planning class through KMU on April 17th. Waste Connections rate raise was discussed. Pierce presented Ordinance 599 establishing the rules and regulations for the Solid Waste and the new contract from Waste Connections**. Motion by Jones, seconded by Scott to adopt Ordinance 599 and accept the contract as presented. Motion carried 3-0.** Council still had to vote on commercial and dumpster rates. Council was presented with a proposed rate increase. Council agreed to the proposed amount of increase per the presented spreadsheet with exclusion to the school amount. Jones said he would discuss with the school board the cost to the City for the school trash and report back at the March meeting. Pierce presented three invoices that needed approval to be paid. Those invoices were TS News for $55.00, Law Offices of Robert Almanza - $36.25 and Kansas 811 for $2.66. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Scott to enter into executive session at 8:55 p.m. for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. **Motion carried 3-0. Council came out of executive session at 9:10 p.m. stating no-binding action taken.**

* **ADJOURNMENT – Council member Jones moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.**

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City Clerk Mayor