**January 6, 2025: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on January 6th, 2025 at Argonia City Hall.

**Roll call was taken:** Those present were Mayor Rick Dolley, Council members Scott Jones, Casey Love, Felisha Noland, 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 January regular council meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

**Motion by Noland, seconded by Love to accept the January agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

* **Minutes**

December 2nd, 2024 regular meeting minutes were presented**. Jones made a motion, seconded by Peterson to approve the December regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

* **Special Meeting Minutes**

December 4th, 2024 special meeting minutes were presented. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Peterson to approve the December 4th special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

* **Bills -** December bills were presented**. Jones made a motion, Peterson seconded to approve December bills in the amount of $93,604.53 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – No open session or citizen discussion took place.

Council Member Tim Scott arrived at 5:15 p.m.

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **RAILS:** Ranked Action Item List and priorities were discussed.
* **ATTORNEY: Motion by Noland, seconded by Scott to enter into executive session with Robert Almanza at 5:45 p.m. for 30 minutes to consult with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship. Motion carried 5-0.**  Mayor declared executive session out at 6:15 p.m. stating no binding action taken.
* **MAINTENANCE:** Eubank updated Council of his daily activities since starting with the City in December. He discussed long over due maintenance of equipment that needed done. He has fixed the roof on the Gas House Shed on 160 Hwy. He discussed the replacement of the beam to the lean to on the back of the shop. He has a pole already that he will cut to size and replace. The shop has been cleaned up and organized.Eubank asked Council about purchasing a Hazmat suit for the Water Treatment Plant. Council gave permission for Eubank to purchase one and if it was over the limit of his spending to bring it to the next meeting for approval.
* **CLERK:** Pierce presented a renewal invoice from the League of Kansas Municipalities for the renewal of our Membership in the amount of $508.87**. Motion by Love, seconded by Noland to approve the bill as presented. Motion carried 5-0.** Pierce presented Resolution 2025-01 Waiving the GAAP requirements for the City of Argonia for the 2024 year. **Motion by Scott, seconded by Peterson the pass Resolution 2025-01 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.** Pierce presented three invoices that needed approved, Ks 811 for $1.20, Office Plus for $75.34, and MKC for $197.04. **Motion by Noland, seconded by Peterson to pay the three invoices as presented. Motion carried 5-0.** Pierce said a new Check Valve for the Water Treatment Plant needed ordered. The cost is approximately $1572.00. McCurley had mentioned they should probably go ahead and approve a second valve to have on hand for a replacement. **Motion by Noland, seconded by Love to approve the valve to be purchased from Wichita Winwater and not to exceed $1700.00 for each valve, a total of $3400.00. Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion by Noland, seconded by Love to enter into executive session at 6:45 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. **Motion carried 5-0. Council came out of executive session at 7:15 p.m. stating no-binding action taken.**

Motion by Noland, seconded by Love to enter into executive session at 7:15 p.m. for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel for Taton to stay. **Motion carried 5-0. Council came out of executive session at 7:30 p.m. stating no-binding action taken.**

Motion by Noland, seconded by Love to enter into executive session at 7:30 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel for Pierce to stay. **Motion carried 5-0. Council came out of executive session at 7:40 p.m. stating no-binding action taken.**

Motion by Noland, seconded by Love to enter into executive session at 7:40 p.m. for 35 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. **Motion carried 5-0. Council came out of executive session at 8:15 p.m. stating no-binding action taken.**

Motion by Noland, seconded by Love to enter into executive session at 8:15 p.m. for 60 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel for Pierce to stay. **Motion carried 5-0. Council came out of executive session at 9:15 p.m. stating no-binding action taken.**

Motion by Noland, seconded by Love to enter into executive session at 9:15 p.m. for 40 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel for Pierce to stay and Chief of Police Chief Schiller by Phone to attend the executive session. **Motion carried 5-0. Council came out of executive session at 9:55 p.m. stating no-binding action taken.**

Motion by Noland, seconded by Scott to enter into executive session at 10:00 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. **Motion carried 5-0. Council came out of executive session at 10:10 p.m. stating no-binding action taken.**

* **ADJOURNMENT – Council member Noland moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member Love seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.**

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City Clerk Mayor