**May 13, 2024: Regular Council Meeting**

The Argonia City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on May 13th, 2024 at Argonia City Hall.

Roll call was taken: Those present were Mayor Rick Dolley, Council members Scott Jones, Casey Love, Felisha Noland, Terina McCurley and Wayne Peterson.

Also present at the meeting were: Tara Pierce-City Clerk, Jake Callaway-Maintenance Supervisor and Robert Dolley.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Agenda**

**Motion by Noland, seconded by Peterson to accept the May agenda as presented with the approval of amending the Agenda to add Ox Bar & Grill – Special Event License. Motion carried 5-0.**

* **Minutes**

April meeting minutes were presented**. Love made a motion, seconded by Noland to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

April 15th special meeting minutes were presented**. Love made a motion, seconded by Noland to approve the special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

* **Bills**

April bills were presented**. Noland made a motion, Jones seconded to approve April bills in the amount of $68,415.07 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

**OPEN FORUM** – None

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

* **FIRE –** None
* **POLICE REPORT** - None
* **MAINTENANCE –** Callaway spoke with Council regarding the sewer ponds. The sludge in the ponds have built up to the point where it needs to be removed. An excavator would be needed to remove the sludge. Council asked Jake to get a quote for the rental of the excavator and tabled making a motion until firm pricing was given at the next meeting. Callaway discussed Well #6. The well keeps overheating in the summer months. Options to fix the solution would be to add an air conditioner inside the unit to help circulate air and prevent this issue. Callaway spoke about several option to enclose the unit. Jake will present quotes and options at the next meeting. Callaway discussed the cost of changing out the media in the water treatment plant. The cost just to replace the charcoal skid would cost an approximant of $40,720.00. He also discussed the approximant replacement of the media for arsenic and nitrates. As these media skids last about 7-9 years. At this time, the skids are still good however, when the time comes to replace all the media we are looking at a quarter of a million dollars to replace it. Callaway presented a quote from Bobcat-White Star a quote for repairs to the skid-steer. **Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to accept the bid of $2,318.10. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Motion by Jones, seconded by Nolan enter into executive session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with Jake Callaway and Tara Pierce to remain. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 7:00 p.m. stating no binding action taken. **Motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to let Jake Callaway hire three seasonal summer helpers as discussed and also pay as discussed and one part-time Maintenance (seasonal) for the 2024 season as discussed and pay as discussed. Going forward in the future years, Council is also allowing Callaway to hire seasonal help at the wage start rate as discussed at his discretion. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Jones, seconded by Noland to hire Natalie Shirley as the 2024 Pool Season Manager at the rate as the previous year. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Motion by Noland, seconded by McCurley enter into executive session at 7:01 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes with Jake Callaway and Tara Pierce to remain. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 7:06 stating no binding action taken. **Motion by Jones, seconded by McCurley to authorize Jake Callaway to purchase any supplies needed for reoccurring supplies that are necessary in running the water treatment plant or any other facility that would be needed to immediately purchase before the next scheduled council meeting. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Motion by Noland, seconded by Jones to enter into executive session with Jake Callaway to remain to discuss non-elected personnel at 7:10 p.m. for 10 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.** Council came out of executive session at 7:20 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

Scott Jones left that meeting at 7:20 p.m.

* **CLERK** – **Pierce presented a renewal contract with Hach Service. Motion by McCurley, seconded by Noland to approve the renewal contract in the amount of $3,289.00. Motion carried 4-0.** Pierce presented a software service agreement with Integrated Control for a new coverage supplement called Aveva. After discussion Pierce is going to contact Haviland Communications to see if this contract would be needed or if this contract would be something that Haviland could take care of. Agreement with Integrated Controls is tabled until the next regular council meeting. Pierce presented an Emergency Water Supply Operation Plan. **Motion by Noland, seconded by Love to adopt the plan as presented. Motion carried 4-0.** Pierce presented bills that came in after the end of month deadline. The following bills were presented. MARC - $511.00, Karyn Taton - $61.64, Integrated Controls - $450.00, KMGA - $3,690.00, Jake Callaway - $185.87, Robert Almanza - $159.50 and Fisher Services - $800.00. **Motion by Noland, seconded by Peterson to pay all the listed bills as presented. Motion carried 4-0**. Pierce presented a Special Event CMB License for Ox Bar & Grill for May 18, 2024. **Motion by Noland, seconded by Love to approve the license as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Motion by Noland, seconded by Love to enter into executive session at 8:00 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Pierce to remain. Motion carried 4-0.** Council came out of executive session at 8:10 p.m. stating no binding action taken.

* **ADJOURNMENT – Council member Noland moved to adjourn the meeting**. **Council member McCurley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Mayor Dolley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**

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Tara Pierce Rick Dolley

City Clerk Mayor