

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CITY OF ARGO

Date: 01/27/2025

Time: 5:19 PM

Place: Municipal Complex

Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL

Councilperson Dennis Griffin

Councilperson Thomas Suggs

Councilperson Rick Hopkins

Councilperson Danny McCarley

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Brown

Mayor Betty Bradley

Mayor Betty Bradley called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call. Roll was called and the roll call is listed above.

The invocation was given by Councilperson Hopkins and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Council Meeting from January 13, 2025. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley-yes, Brown- yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing -Mayor Bradley invited the public to share their thoughts on the Subdivision Regulations and informs everyone that the proposed changes were recommended by City Engineer.

Citizen Corkey Massey stated that it appeared as though only some of the wording or phrasing had changed.

No further comments were made.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to accept **Amendment 1** of the **City of Argo Ordinance #297, Subdivision Regulations**. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for a roll call of votes: Griffin-yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley-yes, Brown- yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2025-01-27**, which permits the use of the Express Vote and Election System and Software (ES&S) DS200 system in the 2025

Municipal Election. Councilperson McCarley seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for a roll call of votes: Griffin-yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley-yes, Brown- yes, Bradley-yes. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT-Corporal Davis informed the Mayor and the Council that the Argo Police Department would be sending Reserve Officer Evan Wills to the Alabama Advanced Criminal Justice Academy in Montgomery. The officer is scheduled to begin the academy on March 24, 2025, and is expected to graduate by July 2, 2025. All expenses will be covered by the Police Department's budget; no additional funds will be required from the General Fund.

Brad Herndon, Argo's newest officer, was introduced to the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve the Beta Club to use City Hall on February 4, 2025, at 5:00 PM for their Appreciation Service Day. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for roll call of votes: Griffin-yes, Suggs- yes, Hopkins-yes, McCarley-yes, Brown- yes, Bradley-abstain. Motion carried.

MAYOR REPORT – The Mayor's Breakfast will be hosted by Springville on January 28, 2025, at Springville City Hall.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - Chief Payne awarded Jorel Barrett and Matthew McCullough the Firefighter of the Year Award.

The Mayor and Council expressed their gratitude and appreciation for their dedication and hard work.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Citizen Michelle Coalson expressed her concerns regarding the cost of the study for the Pickleball courts and inquired whether there is public demand for these courts. She feels that her tax dollars are being wasted.

Mayor Bardley states she is concerned about the ditch located in front of Mountain Oaks. Public Works will need to assist with the situation until a professional can be contracted.

Councilperson Griffin expressed appreciation for the upgrades to park, noting that the improvements are well received by the citizens. He stated that the council is committed to being good stewards of public funds.

Mayor Bradley emphasized the need for the city to be cautious with spending moving forward, highlighting that the main concern at this time is repairing roads.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown reassured the public that the city is not spending money that it does not have. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown also clarified that no money has been committed to the development of pickleball courts at this time.

Citizen Randy Hettich states that recreational activities, such as pickleball, would help keep the youth stay engaged and out of trouble.

Mayor Bradley offered to hold a public hearing regarding the proposed pickleball courts. She believes this would be a fair way to allow both supporters and opponents of the project to voice their opinions.

Councilperson Hopkins agreed that the city should prioritize spending funds according to the wishes and desires of the citizens. He suggested conducting an online survey to gather input from the community, particularly regarding recreational activities.

The City Attorney stated that an informal survey would be sufficient to gather input from the community.

A citizen suggested that the council continue focusing on repairing roads. Once the road repairs are completed, they recommended that the city consider spending funds on additional projects.

Mayor Bradley reassured the public that the council is committed to making road repairs a priority. She also mentioned that the pickleball study would help in the future with obtaining grants.

Citizen Alan Thomas mentioned the availability of grants for both road repairs and recreational activities. He also noted the valid point made about the youth and inquired if this was an issue for the city.

Chief Busler stated that juvenile delinquents are not currently an issue in the city and that these statistics may not be the best-selling point for the pickleball project.

Citizen Corkey Massey was reassured that the city has the specifications for the upcoming road improvements, which have been contracted by Wire Grass.

CITY ATTORNEY –

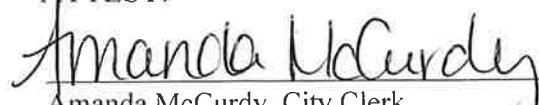
CITY COUNCIL-

A motion was made to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:


Mayor Betty Bradley

ATTEST:


Amanda McCurdy, City Clerk