

# RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CITY OF ARGO

Date: 03/10/2025

Time: 5:36 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 February 24, 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.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to table the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation - Voting Delegation. 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. The motion carried.

Councilperson Griffin made a motion to table the Rogue IT - Technology Services. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for a roll call of votes: Griffin - Yes, Suggs - Yes, Hopkins - Yes, McCarley - Yes, Brown - Yes, Bradley - Yes. The motion carried.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to continue with contracting Knight Works Lawn Care for City Hall and Park lawn services. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Bradley called for a roll call of votes: Griffin - Yes, Suggs - Yes, Hopkins - Yes, McCarley - Yes, Brown - Yes, Bradley - Yes. The motion carried.

**POLICE REPORT** – Corporal Davis gave the monthly police report, noting that the Argo Police Department responded to a total of 540 calls in February 2025. He also announced that the

newest recruit, Evan Wills, will be starting the academy on March 23, 2025.

**FIRE REPORT** – Lieutenant Songer gave the monthly fire report, noting that the Argo Fire Department responded to a total of 49 calls in February 2025. He updated the Mayor and Council on the current fire ban, which is expected to be lifted soon. He also mentioned that brush fires have been typical for this time of year, with dry and windy conditions contributing to the ongoing risk. Lieutenant Songer pointed out that many residents are cleaning up their yards, which has led to the brush fires.

#### **CITY ATTORNEY –**

**MAYOR REPORT-** Mayor Bradley also reminded the Council that their Statements of Economic Interest must be filed by April 30, 2025.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Corky Massey announced that he is considering running for a city council position.

Randy Hettich announced that he is running for Mayor.

Paul Jennings inquired about the road repair contract and how many roads were repaired.

Mayor Bradley confirmed that 16 roads were completely repaved, and 3 roads had major section repairs. Mayor Bradley also mentioned that Trussville Gas and Water will be starting construction on new water lines and will be paving roads afterward.

Additionally, Paul Jennings inquired about Oliva Drive being repaired and whether it was a city road.

Mayor Bradley stated that Oliva Drive was on the City Road List created by the previous administration and was verified by the City Engineers as a city road.

Michelle Coalson inquired about the status of the Pickleball Courts, mentioning that it seemed citizens were more concerned about road repairs.

Councilperson Hopkins addressed the Pickleball Courts, explaining that the project came about due to the need to spend ARPA funds. Once the city was made aware that ARPA funds could be used for road repairs, the Mayor and Council agreed to allocate the funds toward those repairs. Councilperson Hopkins reassured citizens that road repairs remain the priority at this time. The Council would seek grant funds for the Pickleball Courts.

Alan Thomas asked why Pickleball was the only recreational option, suggesting the consideration of basketball or tennis courts. The response was that Pickleball courts would be a more cost-effective option compared to other recreational sports.

#### **CITY COUNCIL-**

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor Betty Bradley

ATTEST:

  
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Amanda McCurdy, City Clerk