RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 10/26/2026
Time: 5:19 PM
Place: Municipal Complex
Regular Meeting
ROLL CALL

Councilperson Dennis Griffin
Councilperson Thomas Suggs
Councilperson Rick Hopkins
Councilperson Mike King
Mayor Pro-Tem Corky Massey
Mayor Randy Hettich

The invocation was given by Councilperson Hopkins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Mayor Hettich called the meeting to order and requested a roll call. Roll was called, and the members present are listed above.

Nancy Miller, representing the St. Clair County Education Foundation, requested sponsorship of the Foundation's annual gala to support grants for teachers. She explained that a $1,500.00 sponsorship included a table for eight guests.

Mayor Pro-Tem Massey made a motion to amend the agenda to add line item under New Business:

B. St. Clair County Education Foundation

Councilperson Hopkins seconded the motion. Mayor Hettich called for a roll call vote. The votes were as follows: Councilperson Griffin - yes, Councilperson Suggs - yes, Councilperson Hopkins - yes, Councilperson King - yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Massey - yes, and Mayor Hettich - yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Griffin made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilperson Hopkins seconded the motion. Mayor Hettich called for a roll call vote. The votes were as follows: Councilperson Griffin - yes, Councilperson Suggs - yes, Councilperson Hopkins - yes, Councilperson King - yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Massey - yes, and Mayor Hettich - yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Council Meeting held on October 12, 2026. Councilperson King seconded the motion. Mayor Hettich called for a roll call vote. The votes were as follows: Councilperson Griffin - yes,

Councilperson Suggs - yes, Councilperson Hopkins - yes, Councilperson King - yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Massey - abstained, and Mayor Hettich - yes. The motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hettich announced that Weather Awareness Day would be held on November 23, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Hettich thanked everyone who helped with the Argo Halloween Block Party.

The Council discussed purchasing Christmas banners for the power poles at an estimated cost of $242.00 each, including the required brackets and hardware. Members also discussed seeking sponsorships from local businesses.

Mayor Pro-Tem Massey made a motion to amend the agenda to add line item under New Business:

C. Christmas Banners

Councilperson Hopkins seconded the motion. Mayor Hettich called for a roll call vote. The votes were as follows: Councilperson Griffin - yes, Councilperson Suggs - yes, Councilperson Hopkins - yes, Councilperson King - yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Massey - yes, and Mayor Hettich - yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hettich reported that Chief Busler was assisting with locating a surplus lift truck for installing flags and banners. The Council discussed renting equipment based on the City's anticipated use.

Mayor Hettich announced that City Hall would be closed on November 11, 2026, in observance of Veterans Day.

Mayor Hettich announced that Ms. Bradley would be recognized during Weather Awareness Day on November 23, 2026, for her efforts in obtaining the storm shelter. A recognition plaque would be permanently displayed at the shelter.

Chief Scott Payne reported on the City's participation in an economic development academy focused on attracting businesses and developing an economic development plan. Mayor Hettich also discussed his upcoming DesignAlabama presentation.

ARGO JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORT

Cynthia Higdon reported that T-shirts remained available to order and that two Junior Council members would assist with the upcoming election.

OLD BUSINESS

City Attorney Chesley Payne presented the first reading of **Amendment No. 4 to the City of Argo Zoning Ordinance, amending Article 10, Section 1007, and Article 11, Section 1111, regarding sign permitting procedures and sign permit fees.**

City Attorney Payne also presented the first reading of **Ordinance No. 2026-08-24 (316), establishing sign permit fees** of $25.00 for temporary signs, $25.00 for portable signs, $50.00 for permanent signs, and $100.00 for electronic message center signs. He explained that fees must be paid before a permit is issued and that the ordinance authorizes the Mayor to waive temporary sign permit fees for specified nonprofit, charitable, church, and community purposes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Massey made a motion to approve the first readings of **Amendment No. 4 to the City of Argo Zoning Ordinance** and **Ordinance No. 2026-08-24 (316), establishing sign permit fees**, in a combined motion. Councilperson Hopkins seconded the motion. Mayor Hettich called for a roll call vote. The votes were as follows: Councilperson Griffin - yes, Councilperson Suggs - yes, Councilperson Hopkins - yes, Councilperson King - yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Massey - yes, and Mayor Hettich - yes. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to appoint Jerry Chiarella to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a three-year term. Mayor Pro-Tem Massey seconded the motion. Mayor Hettich called for a roll call vote. The votes were as follows: Councilperson Griffin - yes, Councilperson Suggs - yes, Councilperson Hopkins - yes, Councilperson King - yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Massey - yes, and Mayor Hettich - yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Hopkins made a motion to approve a $1,500.00 sponsorship of the St. Clair County Education Foundation gala, including a table for eight guests. Mayor Pro-Tem Massey seconded the motion. Mayor Hettich called for a roll call vote. The votes were as follows: Councilperson Griffin - yes, Councilperson Suggs - yes, Councilperson Hopkins - yes, Councilperson King - yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Massey - yes, and Mayor Hettich - yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Massey made a motion to approve purchasing 10 Christmas banners and the necessary brackets and hardware, at an anticipated cost of approximately $2,500.00, and to authorize Councilperson Hopkins to proceed with the purchase and design selection. Councilperson Griffin seconded the motion. Mayor Hettich called for a roll call vote. The votes were as follows: Councilperson Griffin - yes, Councilperson Suggs - yes, Councilperson Hopkins - yes, Councilperson King - yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Massey - yes, and Mayor Hettich - yes. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

Mayor Randy Hettich

ATTEST:

Amanda McCurdy, City Clerk