RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ARGO

Date: 11/09/2026
Time: 5:08 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, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Massey made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. 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 - yes, and Mayor Hettich - yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Council Meeting held on October 26, 2026. 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'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. Former Mayor Betty Bradley will be recognized during the event for her contributions to the City and her efforts in obtaining the storm shelter.

Mayor Hettich announced that City Hall would be closed November 11, 2026, in observance of Veterans Day, and November 25–26, 2026, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Mayor Hettich reported that he had requested City Attorney Chesley Payne review the City's current animal control ordinance and begin working on a nuisance ordinance to address unsafe and neglected properties.

Mayor Hettich discussed selecting a Grand Marshal for the December 12, 2026, Christmas Parade.

Mayor Pro-Tem Massey made a motion to appoint Jan Adams as Grand Marshal of the December 12, 2026, Christmas Parade. 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 - yes, and Mayor Hettich - yes. The motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Alan Busler presented the October 2026 report, which included 289 calls for service. He provided an update on staffing.

ARGO PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Chair Alicia Vincent provided an update on SpringFest, scheduled for April 10, 2027, at Clear Branch. She also reported that the Christmas banners were in the process of being printed and would be installed once completed.

ARGO JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORT

Cynthia Higdon reported that Junior Council member Braydon Massey received the Good Citizenship Scholarship and would advance to the state-level competition. She also provided an update on Weather Awareness Day, scheduled for November 23, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with participation from local emergency services, St. Clair County EMA, and the National Weather Service.

OLD BUSINESS

Massey, Stotser & Nichols attorney presented the second reading of **Amendment No. 4 to the City of Argo Zoning Ordinance, amending Article 10, Section 1007, and Article 11, Section 1111**, regarding sign permits, permitting procedures, and sign permit fees.

Mayor Pro-Tem Massey made a motion to adopt **Amendment No. 4 To the City of Argo Zoning Ordinance, Amending Article 10, Section 1007, And Article 11, Section 1111, Regarding Sign Permits, Permitting Procedures, And Sign Permit Fees.** 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 - yes, and Mayor Hettich - yes. The motion carried unanimously.

The attorney presented the second reading **of Ordinance No. 2026-08-24 (316), An Ordinance Establishing Sign Permit Fees for the City of Argo, Alabama.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Massey made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 2026-08-24 (316), An Ordinance Establishing Sign Permit Fees for the City of Argo, Alabama**. 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 - yes, and Mayor Hettich - yes. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Pro-Tem Massey made a motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2026-11-09, A Resolution Requesting a United States Postal Service ZIP Code Boundary Review and Official Recognition of Argo, Alabama, as a Mailing City Name**. 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 - yes, and Mayor Hettich - yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Griffin made a motion to change the time of the November 23, 2026, Regular Council Meeting to 3:00 p.m. 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 - yes, and Mayor Hettich - yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2026-11-04 (317), concerning a floodplain development permit fee, was tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carol Alston addressed the Council regarding the City's request for a USPS ZIP Code Boundary Review and official recognition of Argo as a mailing city name. She asked about the purpose of the request and how it would affect residents. Mayor Hettich provided clarification regarding the City's efforts to obtain official recognition of Argo as a mailing city name.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned

APPROVED:

Mayor Randy Hettich

ATTEST:

Amanda McCurdy, City Clerk