

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

MARCH 5, 2018

*Should have noted
"all members voted Yes
except Mary Lou Peace
who voted no."*

Mayor Rock Anderson opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present. Roll call was taken and all City Council members were present. The minutes were presented, Mary Lou Peace made one correction under Habitat ~~for~~ Humanity the motion made was Mary Lou Peace ~~NO~~ and the majority of City Council ~~Yes~~. Richard Kerley made the motion to accept the revised minutes as amended. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. The Mayor presented the evenings agenda, under OLD BUSINESS one addition was added Item D) KMEA - Scott Popejoy and under NEW BUSINESS four additions were made, Item C) ~~City Liability Insurance Bid~~; Item E) John Gorentz Report; Item F) John Adams and Item G) Brenda Banks, Library Report. An Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel matters was added at the end of the agenda. Mary Lou Peace made the motion to approve the revised agenda. Scott Popejoy seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Rock Anderson presented Appropriation Ordinance #2 to the City Council for their approval. Scott Popejoy made the motion to approve for payment Appropriation Ordinance #2. Ray Vail seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*Jason Burton, 204 W. Madison #10 Utility bill
was removed and City Liability Insurance Bid
was inserted in Item C*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Mary Lou Peace handed out and read aloud a written report from Lessa Rhodes who was unable to attend the meeting this night. Rock Anderson brought up the topic of chartering the Economic Board as Zoning is setup. ~~Mary Lou stated that the group tied down by a charter.~~ Rick Smith stated that this board could organize the same as the Arma Recreation Association and then report to the City Council.

Mary Lou states Lessa had been advised not to become chartered under the city.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY; MARY LOU PEACE

Mary Lou addressed the Council on the issue of allowing Habitat to build a 4 bedroom home on ~~Westland Acres~~ *Summit to Westland Acres*. Mary Lou stated that she had located a property owner who ~~would~~ be willing to donate a large enough area for this home in Arma. Council discussed and Richard Kerley made the motion to send a letter to Gerald Luttrell on releasing Habitat from the Westland Acres agreement. Scott Popejoy seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

RURAL OPPORTUNITY CONFERENCE; LEESA RHODES

Scott Popejoy made the motion to table, Ray Vail seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

the request to send Leesa & Jayne to the Rural Opportunities Conference in Nauston,

KMEA SCOTT POPEJOY

Scott reported on his research with the contacts that had been given to Richard from Gerry Beiker. Scott called 3 different communities and all 3 were very happy with their working relationship with KMEA. Scott recommends that Arma sign a letter of intent with KMEA. Scott Popejoy made the motion to have a Letter of Intent drawn up for a 10 year contract. Richard Kerley seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

EMG ELECTRIC COMPANY

No one was present to speak to the City Council.

ARMA RECREATION ASSOCIATION REQUEST

Bette Lessen reported on the letter received from ARA and J.P. Cleland requesting dirt for the McDonald and City field's for \$1400.00 and a new scoreboard at the McDonald field that would cost between \$3,000.00 to 4,000.00. Scott Popejoy stated that he sees \$1,200.00 in this years Budget for parks. Richard requested to have Chuck Burns look at the board. Scott Popejoy made the motion to give ARA \$2,500.00 and an additional \$1,200.00. Ray Vail seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

CITY LIABILITY INSURANCE BID

Rob Lessen with Fox Insurance was present to present his bid for the 2018 policy. Rob stated that there had been a 4% increase over last year. Dick Cleland made the motion to accept Fox Insurance bid. Ray Vail seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

HOMETOWN NEWS LETTER; RON MCKEE

Bette Lessen presented copy of what Ron McKee is proposing as a City news letter and how it will be distributed in different businesses around Arma. Ron is requesting that the City print the copies. Dick Cleland made the motion to approve the news letter and to have the City print it black and white for the next 90 days. Richard Kerley seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

JOHN GORENTZ REPORT

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John Gorentz first reported that he and Kevin Goodwin are back to work on light duty due to surgeries. Also KMEA did an evaluation on Arma's electric service and that the City has a lot of tree issues particular around the park. The Case backhoe has been returned but there is garage door problem that is going to cost \$850.00 to repair in the back shop. Richard Kerley made the motion to purchase the new door opener. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. John also stated that the storm sirens will be tested twice monthly and has started this month. One of the sirens has a problem so Blue Valley has been contacted to get repairs done on the batteries. Scott Popejoy made the motion to approve contacting Blue Valley to do the work. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Lastly John asked to allow himself and Justin Neil attend the annual Water Conference in Wichita March 27-29th. Richard Kerley made the motion to allow the 2 guys to attend the conference. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

JOHN ADAMS

John Adams was present to again discuss his property and poor drainage on Inter Urban St. John stated that so far nothing has been done by the City to correct the problem. John stated that he was here to let the Council know that he will be taking this issue to his attorney. City Council stated that they would get with the City Supervisor about this matter.

BRENDA BANKS; LIBRARY

Brenda discussed the future park beside the Library and that she understands that there is \$9000.00 to be used for the Park/. Brenda also proposed a rough drawing of the interior section. Brenda also told the City Council that movies could not be shown due to ownership rights. The last item was Brenda

complaining that requested work has yet to get completed and these requests were from ²⁰¹⁴last year. Rock Anderson said that Dick Cleland, Ray Vail, and John Gorentz will get with Brenda this coming Wednesday to discuss these issues.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Howard Camp was present and presented a monthly report to the Council. Howard also reported that the new AED has come in.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ray Vail reported that he would be attending a highway meeting in Topeka with Adam Lusker. ^{He} Ray also addressed the Economic Development Face Book discussion on the page and he is questioning some of the negative comments by some of the board members.

Mary Lou Peace would like to have an email address setup for the ^{public to be able to contact} City Council members ~~and~~.

Richard Kerley stated that the 2017 annual water report has come out and the City should be receiving their copy soon.

PURCHASE REQUEST

Richard Kerley made the motion to allow the purchase of all supplies requested. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Bette Lessen reported on the opportunity to purchase more advertising in the Area Chamber of Commerce calendar for 3,000.00. Dick Cleland made the motion to accept all communication and to place them all on file. Scott Popejoy seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Scott Popejoy made the motion to hold an Executive Session for 20 minutes on Non-Elected Personnel matters with the Council, Attorney, John Gorentz and Justin Neil. Ray Vail seconds the motion. The motion was approved. 8:09

At 8:21 Ray Vail made the motion to go back into regular session. Mary Lou Peace seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Scott Popejoy made the motion to promote Justin Neil to Assistant Public Works Director with a \$1.00 an hour increase effective this pay period. Richard Kerley seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Ray Vail made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Scott Popejoy seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Bette Lessen, City Clerk