

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
MAY 3, 2021
(corrected)

Mayor Rock Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present. The roll call was taken, and all members of the City Council were present. The minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve the minutes. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. The Mayor presented the evenings agenda. Travis Wood made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Appropriation Ordinance #4 was presented to the City Council. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance #4. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTP; TAX ABATEMENT

Lessa Rhodes introduced Julie Smith from the extension office. Julie addressed the City Council on the topic of First Impressions that the State Extension office is working on with towns and Cities in the State. Julie left an application for the City Council to fill out and return. Julie stated that this application would require 3 to 5 volunteers. Travis Wood made the motion to have the application filled out and to place this information onto the City's Facebook and Website for volunteers. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Lessa Rhodes was present to first ask about the paperwork on the tax abatement. Tom Hayes stated that each member of the City Council had received a copy and that they would need to review prior to discussion. Leesa also reported on obtaining 6 hours of credit towards grant writing. Leesa also addressed "Raise" the million-dollar grant that would go towards bike and walking paths.

K.D.O.T. WAYNE GUDMONSON REPORT

Wayne Gudmonson introduced himself along with Brian Gower and Cory Davis all three work for K.D.O.T. The City Council had received information from the most current highway study and Wayne reported that he was sorry but the City of Arma in the eyes of the state highway department did not qualify for an emergency signal light nor a stop light on 69 highway. However, Wayne stated that he had spoken to SEKCAP about transporting folks across the highway to Dollar General and back. The Mayor addressed this study as a 2-lane instead of a 4-lane which should be revalued once the 4-lane is operable. Wayne stated that the intersection can be reevaluated once the work is completed.

TOM GORMAN, MOWING

First Tom reported that on opening the City pool this season. Then Tom requested to hire a part-time mower for this year's grass season. The City guys currently can not keep up

with the cutting as well as their other responsibilities. Travis Wood made the motion to hire a seasonal mower. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. Mary Lou Peace questioned what the employees are doing now? Tom stated that there is a lot of City work that needs to be accomplished as well as keeping the City properties cut. Tom stated that he can submit a monthly report to the City Council, but Tom stated that he cannot give an hour-by-hour report on each employee. The vote was taken, and Dick Cleland and Mary Lou Peace voted against the motion. The other three members were in favor. The position will be advertised, and applications will be brought back to the Council at the May 17th meeting.

201 W SOUTH ST. ROGER SHELDON

Mr. Sheldon was not present but Bette Lessen reported on the current standing of the property. Ken Harryman made the motion to table this topic until the June 7th meeting. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

JIM EVANS PUBLIC HEARING

Bette Lessen reported on the structure and that no contact has been made with the property owner. Mary Lou Peace stated that she understood work has been started. Rob Lessen made the motion to table the topic until May 17th meeting. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

CHARLES TAYLOR EMAIL; BETTE LESSEN

Bette Lessen reported that she had sent out a copy of the email that was sent to Mr. Taylor in each Council members packet. Rock Anderson apologized for saying that Mr. Taylor was a no show. Mary Lou felt that the Mayor should send him a note. Mary Lou also stated that she would prefer all contact from this point forward should be by phone. Tom Hayes said that an email can be sent with a receipt in return.

MONTHLY REPORT, UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Mary Lou Peace would like to have Tom Gorman give a monthly report. Mary Lou made the motion to have a statistics report done monthly. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

METAL ROOFS AT SHELTER HOUSES

Dick Cleland reported that he had spoke to a company in Oronogo, MO. Dick Cleland made the motion to advertise for new roofs in the school color and to have Tom Gorman write up the specifications. All bids to be received prior to the May 17th meeting. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Anderson read aloud his appointments for the 2021-2022 year.

Municipal Judge; Tim Fielder

Chief of Police; Chris Wilson

City Clerk; Bette Lessen

City Attorney; Tom Hayes

City Treasurer; Joleen Edwards
Asst. Police Chief; Craig Farnsworth
SRO Office; Rick Fox
Officers; Brody Clark and Cory Strong
Official News Paper; Pittsburg Morning Sun
Official Banks; Community National and Girard National Banks
Official Schedule; 1 and 3 Mondays of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m.
Mary Lou Peace made the motion to accept the Mayor's appointments. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT NOMINATIONS

Mayor Anderson recommended Rob Lessen to continue as the President of the City Council. Travis Wood made the motion and Ken Harryman seconds. The motion was approved.

G.A.A.P. WAIVER

Rock Anderson presented the Resolution 2021-0102. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve Res. 2021-0102. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

VANESSA KENT FACEBOOK

Vanessa Kent addressed the negative comments on Facebook dealing with billing. Rock Anderson agreed that this form of communication is disrespectful.

BUDGET

Mary Lou Peace requested that each department head work on a list for 1 year as well as a 5-year plan dealing with needs for their department. Bette Lessen was asked to speak to the department heads so that they may prepare for the June 7th meeting. Mary Lou Peace made a motion to have the Utility, Fire, Police, Office and Library prepare a budget list for 1 to 5 years. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Chris Wilson reported on the new SUV vehicle and that the department has it on the road. Chris also said that the Fire Department is looking at using the old SUV for grass fires. Part-time officers Sierra Roberts is on staff starting the 5th of May. Chris also stated that the department is participating in the Step Grant. The next utility bill will have a public notice on the back of the card from the Police Dept. Also, May 15th will be Bike Registration Day in Arma.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dick Cleland reported on a resident interested in putting in a garage but having an issue with a utility pole. Could the pole be moved?

Rob Lessen reported that the City had received a little over 1,000.00 check from KMIT due to the City's premiums lowering. Rob also reported on Blue Cross in a class action lawsuit that the City may qualify for.

Mary Lou Peace asked about the opening of the City park rest rooms. Bette Lessen reported that the Park restrooms are open.

PURCHASE REQUEST

Rob Lessen made the motion to allow the requested materials. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Mary Lou Peace made the motion to go into executive session for 3 minutes on a Non-Elected Personnel Matters with the Mayor, Council, Attorney and Clerk. 8:06 p.m.

Rob Lessen made the motion to go back into regular session at 8:07 p.m. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Rob Lessen made the motion to go into Executive Session on Attorney Client Privilege for 10 minutes with the Mayor, Council, Attorney, Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Police Chief. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. 8:08 p.m.

Travis Wood made the motion to go back into regular session at 8:17 p.m. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Rob Lessen made the motion to pursue assisting in the health care of a Arma citizen with a \$2,000.00 cap. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Rob Lessen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Bette Lessen, City Clerk