

Arco City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2026

In attendance: Mayor Parsons, Council members Tessmer, Reese, Darland and Cummins. Deputy Clerk Smith, Maintenance Tony Chisham, PZ Chair Rebecca Lange, Guests Kirsten Bingham, Dan Koste, Rosanne Smith

7:00 pm Mayor Parsons - meeting called to order, led Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from previous meeting were read and approved.

Public Comments – Rosanne Smith inquired about the cost and rates charged for connecting to the City sewer system for residents outside of City limits.

Bills

- Total \$49,245.76
- Councilwoman Reese motion to approve, Council President Tessmer 2nd, all in favor.

Ordinance 2025-E

- 5.04 Business Licenses 3rd reading. President Tessmer motion to approve Ordinance, Councilwoman Reese 2nd, all in favor.

Fire Department Update

- Dan Koste presented the Council with an annual update on calls, expenses and a desired list of equipment to purchase in 2026. Also presented was an option to bill for services to recover costs associated with calls through a recovery service, Council was in favor and a resolution will need to be passed to enroll the Fire Department. Mr. Koste will handle the future enrollment.

Reschedule 2026 City Council Meetings For Holiday

- Council discussed moving two City Council meetings to the following Tuesday after Memorial and Columbus Day and cancel the last meeting in December. Council President Tessmer made a motion to accept the revised schedule, Councilwoman Darland 2nd, all in favor.

Water Mitigation Plan - Discuss

- The City is awaiting the final water mitigation plan proposed by the BLRGWD. Council also favored having City attorney Steve Stephens file a petition with IDWR to remove domestic water rights from commercial rights within the City, keeping them from being subject to mitigation.

Executive Session

- Executive Session Communicate with Legal Counsel regarding pending imminently-likely litigation [Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(f)]
- Pres Tessmer made motion to enter executive session by role call vote @ 7:49 pm
- Executive session concluded, exit to resume regular meeting by role call vote @ 8:09 pm

Roundtable

- Council President Tessmer discussed the parking restriction changes in front of John Danz's business on Front Street. He suggested contacting ITD to have one of the signs removed and moved, creating more parking spaces. City will contact ITD to request having one sign taken down and reinstalled farther South.
- Councilwoman Reese inquired as to the success of the EV charging station and if there have been any issues with the card reader. The EV charger has been successful in paying for itself, especially during the summer months and there have been no recent issues with the card reader.
- Councilwoman Darland spoke on behalf on City Lead Tim Snyder. He wishes to remove the existing asphalt that is broken up beyond the point of repair in some sections of both Park and Hannah. Council confirmed this would be a wise decision and work will be done in Spring when the weather is warmer and the asphalt can be replaced with road base that will be magged to abate dust.
- P&Z Chair Rebecca Lange stated that there have been no new P&Z applications to review and that a draft on the City Zone Map is ready for review. She requested on working meeting on January 30, 2026 at 1:00 pm. Council agreed and a meeting will be scheduled.

8:26 pm meeting adjourned. The next regular city council meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2026, at 7 pm at the City office.

Grady Parsons, Mayor

Dana Jensen, City Clerk