

Arco City Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2025

In attendance were Clerk Jensen, Deputy Clerk Smith, Mayor Parsons, Council Members Tessmer, McCurdy and Reese. Maintenance supervisor Tony Chisham and PZ Chair Rebecca Lange. Guests included Camille Miller, Tom Cammack, John Muffat, Dan Koste and Rosanne Smith.

Mayor Parsons called the meeting to order at 7pm and led the pledge of allegiance. Minutes from the January 27, 2025 meeting were read and approved. The agenda was amended to include the FD Update from Fire Chef Dan Koste.

Old Business

Business License Ordinance update: Council President Tessmer stated the draft is not quite ready. No action taken.

Bond Attorney: Proposed agreement to retain Stephanie Bonney was received and reviewed. Council members agreed the agreement was adequate for the scope of work requested. Council President Tessmer motioned to sign the agreement. Motion was seconded and passed.

Public Comment

Rosanne Smith inquired if plans for a new sewer treatment plant were a want or a need. Council President Tessmer explained the research over the past year revealed the city is at capacity with the current system. Improvement is needed to best serve the current and future needs of the city, as well as keeping the operating and maintenance costs at a minimum. A few different options have been explored, and the council feels that a mechanical plant presents the best solution to meet those needs.

New Business

Camille Miller (Forsgren) followed up with more information regarding the LSL Funding and project details. Galvanized pipe in use prior to 1990 has potential to collect lead particles within the line and poses risk of lead delivery. More discovery is needed to find out how many service lines are in need of replacement. Once that is complete, Forsgren will be able to put together a bid packet on cost replacement for the property owners. Any work needed on private property will be the property owners responsibility. The City will coordinate with Ms. Miller and Attorney Stephanie Bonney on applications for funding.

IPS update: Ms. Miller completed revisions and resubmitted the report to USDA-Rural Development Grant agency. This was approved by USDA-RD. DEQ has also given verbal

approval. Forsgren and Altura can now move forward searching for other funding sources for the project.

John Muffat (Airport) A city resolution approving the card reader installation is needed. The grant application is due March 1, 2025. Resolution will be ready for reading and approval at the next meeting on February 24, 2025.

Airport Master Plan Update: FAA has offered a grant of \$3.7 million which would require a \$50,000 match from the City and Butte County. Mr. Muffat explained that \$3.7 million would not cover everything in the master plan but would allow for some much-needed repairs/rehab to the current runway. The FAA grant is being reviewed by Idaho Aeronautics Board but will not be published until early 2026 if awarded. Mr. Muffat will continue to follow leads for other funding sources and update the council accordingly.

Dan Koste (Fire Chief) Mr. Koste provided an update from the Fire Department, including incident calls, training completed and a list of needs for the next year. Radios are still in need of being replaced, totaling about \$32,000. He is pursuing potential grant money through DOE-INL but would appreciate any help to acquire the radios.

Tony Chisham (Maintenance) Advertisement for bids on the vault and flow meter project did not produce any additional bids for review. The council reviewed the previous bids for parts and installation. Total cost for the project is about \$14,000. Council President Tessmer made a motion to award the project to Darland Skidsteer and to purchase the parts per the accepted quotes, not to exceed \$14,000. Councilman McCurdy seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting with County Commissioners Clerk Jensen reported that the county proposed March 21st or March 28th to meet with the council to discuss the Greenbelt paving project. The council expressed the need for a sooner meeting date if possible, but would otherwise accept March 21st. Clerk Jensen said she would reach out to the county clerk and express the need for a sooner date if possible.

Bills Council members McCurdy and Reese reviewed the bills presented. Councilwoman Reese made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$16,299.94. Councilman McCurdy seconded. Motion passed.

Roundtable

Deputy Clerk Smith reported the online auction for surplus had closed for a total of \$1395 received for the auctioned items. Another auction will be set up for the remaining surplus items.

Mayor Parsons commended the maintenance crew for quickly responding to the snow removal on Friday February 7th. Thanked them for a job well done.

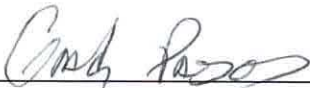
Council Pres Tessmer commented ITD is clearing the snow on the hospital hill up Highland Dr. and that it really helps the city. He also thanked the maintenance crew for doing a great job

clearing snow received the previous week. He also said he is working on a draft for the Business License ordinance and hopes to have it ready for review soon. The goal is to have this in place for June 2025, but a 5-6 month grace period will be allowed for businesses to get their licenses in place. He also said he would like to review the RV Park ordinance Ch. 5.36 to see how it does or does not fit with P&Z.

Councilwoman Reese reminded everyone about the Valentines fundraiser at the senior center. She also missed the opening of the new arcade (Atomicade) located in the old bowling alley. So far it has been quite popular.

Mayor Parsons reported the code enforcer (Tim Snyder) has no updates for the council. PZ Chair Rebecca Lange commented that one nonconforming RV has been moved. She also shared that she has not been able to connect with the County PZ regarding the Area of Impact. Butte County Assessor Holly Standlee will join the next PZ meeting on Feb. 12 to discuss taxing districts. Completed application from Valley Ag has not been received. PZ has about completed Title 17 and is ready for the council to review. A date for public hearing is expected in March 2025.

Councilman McCurdy made a motion to adjourn at 8:48pm.
Next meeting will be February 24, 2025.



Mayor Grady Parsons



Clerk Dana Jensen