

Arco City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2026

In attendance: Mayor Parsons, Council members Tessmer, Reese, and Cummins. City Clerk Jensen, Deputy Clerk Smith, Maintenance Supervisor Tony Chisham, Maintenance Lead Tim Snyder, PZ Chair Rebecca Lange, and City Attorney Steve Stephens. Guests Kirsten Bingham, Lewis Bird, Ginger Bird, Kayden Bird, Jeff Bird, Keyan Bird and John Danz.

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

No Public Comments

Bills

- Total \$49,512.34
- Councilwoman Reese motioned to approve, Council President Tessmer 2nd, all in favor.

Coalition of Cities Water Mitigation Plan-Steve Stephens

- After discussing water mitigation issues with the Council and reviewing the proposed mitigation contract with the Coalition of Cities; Attorney Steve Stephens recommended the City adopt the plan offered. President Tessmer made a motion to authorize Mayor Parsons to sign the Notice of Intent, thereby protecting the City's water rights from future curtailment.

Ordinance Readings

- 2nd reading of Ordinance 2026-A 13.08-Water Department, read by title only by President Tessmer.
- 1st reading of Ordinance 2026-B 13.16 Water & Sewer Rates Billing, read by President Tessmer.
- 1st reading of Ordinance 2026-C 5.36 Mobile Homes & Recreational Vehicles, read by President Tessmer

John Danz-Parking at Pickles

- After meeting with Bryan Young from ITD, John relayed to the Council the changes that will be made near his business on Front St. The stop sign at Temple will be moved further east, placing it right on Front St(Hwy 93), one of the No Parking signs North of the business will be removed and the curb directly in front of the restaurant will be painted yellow to limit parking and increase visibility at the intersection of Temple.

Lost River Valley Construction-Utility Bill/Sewer Line Repair

- A construction project by Lost River Valley Construction at 310 N East St revealed an issue with the sewer line that should have been fixed in the past by the City. LRVC has a public works license, it was agreed that they would do the repairs on behalf of the City. Council Pres. Tessmer made a motion to waive LRVC's outstanding utility balance of \$1532.25 in exchange for repairs. Councilman Cummins 2nd , all in favor.

Letter of Support for America 250 Grant Application

- Mayor Parsons read a letter stating that the City of Arco supports applying for a combined grant for the America 250 Celebration Fund. Council President Tessmer made a motion to authorize Mayor Parsons to sign, Councilman Cummins 2nd, all in favor.

Tony Chisham – Street Maintenance

- After discussing different options relating to dust abatement and necessary maintenance on several City streets, Council tabled the matter of purchasing a 6500 gallon tank and oil for dust control. More options will be discussed in the future to better improve street conditions and use funds for dust control to repair streets.

Roundtable

- City Clerk Jensen provided new information on behalf of Dan Koste relating to national billing rates used by a Fire Recovery Service. President Tessmer recommended having a resolution ready to sign at the next meeting to contract with a billing service to recoup costs associated with certain calls made by the Fire Department.
- Councilwoman Reese inquired as to whether any more information had been obtained regarding emergency response times by Rocky Mountain Power when there is a down power line.
- Councilwoman Darland inquired about the vacant City lot behind Valley Ag near the Science Center and if there had been any more discussion as to how the lot was going to be used in the future.
- Maintenance Lead Tim Snyder said he is working with the Sheriff's office to give violations to residents that have been given notices to clean up their properties.
- PZ Chair Rebecca Lange reported that a hearing for the zoning map has been scheduled for April 15, 2026 at 6 pm at the BCC.

At 9:06 pm, meeting adjourned. The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2026, at 7 pm at the City office.