

Arco City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2026

In attendance: Mayor Parsons, Council members Tessmer, Reese(by phone), and Cummins. City Clerk Jensen, Deputy Clerk Smith, Maintenance Tony Chisham, PZ Chair Rebecca Lange, Guests Dana Izatt, 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.

Bills

- Total \$12,673.67
- Council President Tessmer motion to approve, Councilman Cummins 2nd, all in favor.

Ordinance 2026-A

- 1st reading of Ordinance 13.08-Water Department, read by President Tessmer.

Shelly Blackner – America 250 Celebration/Health Kick For Kids

- Shelly Blackner addressed the Council about a grant opportunity to help pay for the expenses related to 4th of July celebrations in town. Both the City and the County can apply, she will handle the grant writing for both.
- A plan to create a program called Health Kick for Kids was presented to encourage kids to exercise and eat healthy during a once-a-week event lasting four weeks in May. Program will include meeting with kids of all ages and providing snacks and activities, ending with a walk around town with the mayor. Funds to support program will come from the money received from The Mayor's Challenge donated from the City to The Pretty City Committee.

Dana Izatt/Searle and Hart – Present Audit

- Dana Izatt presented the Council with the audit from fiscal year ending in September 2024.

Resolution 2026-02

- Council reviewed Resolution 2026-02 to contract with a fire recovery billing service. Questions were raised about the amount that would be billed for each type of call to recover costs. Council requested more information on current average rates, matter tabled.

Water Mitigation Plan - Discussion

- 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. The City also considered participating in Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Cities (ESPA Cities) mitigation plan and will discuss further at the next meeting.

Roundtable

- Deputy Clerk Smith reported that business license applications have been handed out and mailed to local businesses, with many being completed and returned in the last week.
- Mayor Parsons spoke on behalf of Maintenance Lead Snyder, who stated that because of the mild weather the maintenance crew is actively repairing roads.
- Council President Tessmer asked that road maintenance be put on the agenda for the next meeting to lay out a schedule for repairs this summer.
- PZ Chair Rebecca Lange reported that a zoning map will be forthcoming and a hearing will soon be scheduled.

8:51 pm meeting adjourned. The next regular city council meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2026, at 7 pm at the City office.

Grady Parsons, Mayor

Dana Jensen, City Clerk