

**Arco City Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 13, 2026**

In attendance: Mayor Parsons, Council members Tessmer, Reese, Darland and Cummins. City Clerk Jensen, Deputy Clerk Smith, Maintenance Supervisor Tony Chisham, Maintenance Lead Tim Snyder, PZ Chair Rebecca Lange. Guests Kirsten Bingham, Rosanne Smith, Rich Harry, Ken Chaffin.

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

### **No Public Comments**

#### **Bills**

- Total \$29,772.08
- Council President Tessmer motioned to approve, Councilwoman Reese 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

### **Ordinance Readings**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2026-B 13.16 Water & Sewer Rates Billing, read by title only by President Tessmer. Motion made by Council President Tessmer to adopt, Councilwoman Reese 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. Motion carried.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2026-C 5.36 Mobile Homes & Recreational Vehicles, read by title only by President Tessmer. Motion made by Council President Tessmer to adopt, Councilwoman Reese 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. Motion carried.

### **Ken Chaffin-Property Cleanup**

- Ken Chaffin expressed appreciation to the City for their efforts in City cleanup and street improvements, as well as the Sheriff's office. He raised concerns about a neighboring property near his, one being the hazard of a deep hole. The existing home is also unoccupied and as such there is debris, weeds and portions of a fence that has fallen. The home is also not secure, as it is missing doors. The owner will be notified by phone and mail of the violations and given 30 days' notice to correct the issues. Chaffin also expressed concerns about the lack of access on Joan Street near the Cimmaron Apartments, as there is only one road in and out. A water meter was installed at his residence years ago and work was never completed to fill in the hole around the meter. City Maintenance will meet with him to rectify this issue.

### **Rich Harry-BLRID Project Update**

- Rich Harry gave updates on BLRID projects within the City, including moving several culverts in the canal. There is an issue with the double culvert at the road going up to

the County Shop. Debris collects at this location when there is water in the canal, impeding water flow through the remainder of the City. BLRID would like to remove the two culverts and replace them with a single larger culvert. The City purchased one years ago as part of an agreement with BLRID, but due to contractor scheduling, it has yet to be installed. Mr. Harry proposed using that culvert to address the issue further up the canal, and BLRID would purchase another culvert to replace it. City Council agreed. Projects on the laterals throughout the City will also be taking place this summer, along with cleanup and reseeded areas along the canal on the North end of town to keep weeds from growing. The Council discussed the existing agreement between the City and BLRID made years ago pertaining to the lining of the canal, raising concerns of access, safety and runoff. Mr. Harry will meet with Maintenance Lead Tim Snyder to inspect the canal and plan for changes that need to be made to address these issues. Snow fence will be placed at different locations down the canal as a safety measure because the lining makes it difficult to get out. Rich thanked the City and the Maintenance Crew for their cooperation

### **Review Liquor License For L7**

- Council reviewed the liquor license application submitted for the new L7 Arco Grill & Taphouse. Motion made by Council President Tessmer to approve, Councilman Cummins 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. Motion carried.

### **SCADA System Upgrades**

- Tony Chisham has requested several bids to both repair and replace the existing SCADA system.

### **Tim Snyder-Purchase Gravels For Streets**

- Tim Snyder updated the Council on the amount of gravel needed to complete street projects throughout the year, estimating that about 600 yards will be needed. The price is currently \$13.50/yd, motion made by Council President Tessmer to purchase 300 yards, Councilwoman Darland 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. Motion carried.

### **Tony Chisham-Safety Equipment**

- After attending a recent safety training, Maintenance Supervisor Tony Chisham expressed the need for additional safety equipment, the priority being a safety tripod for confined spaces such as manholes. He presented a bid to purchase, motion made by Council President Tessmer to accept, Councilman Cummins 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. Motion carried.

### **Roundtable**

- Mayor Parsons spoke on behalf of Maintenance Lead Snyder regarding parking at Valley View Auto. Vehicles being parked on City streets, blocking public access, have raised safety concerns. The owner was contacted regarding the

growing number of cars. A request will be made to have the owner come to a City Council meeting to discuss how to resolve this issue. The permit to occupy a temporary building issued to the owner has also expired and will need to be addressed as well.

- Council President Tessmer stated that the required Cross Connection Ordinance is being drafted and will be available at a future meeting.
- Councilman Cummins inquired as to what projects City Maintenance has scheduled over the next few months. Maintenance Lead Snyder commented that they will be servicing mowers for park maintenance, opening the bathrooms at the Science Center and continuing with street maintenance.
- Councilwoman Reese had questions regarding the fire hydrant located on Joan Street. As this is an older hydrant, parts aren't available to repair and restore it to working order. Maintenance Supervisor Chisham will obtain a quote to replace.
- Councilwoman Darland relayed some requests from residents regarding the greenbelt, they included more grass being planted and some kind of lights along the greenbelt.
- PZ Chair Rebecca Lange stated City P&Z will meet on Wednesday, they will be discussing required set backs on triangle shaped parcels and that the hearing for the revised City map is scheduled for the same day at 6:00.

At 8:35 pm, meeting adjourned. The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2026, at 7 pm at the City office.

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Grady Parsons, Mayor

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Dana Jensen, City Clerk