

Arco City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2025

In attendance: Mayor Parsons, Council members Tessmer, McCurdy, Reese and Darland. City Clerk Jensen, Deputy Clerk Smith, Maintenance Supervisor Tony Chisham, Maintenance Lead Tim Snyder, PZ Chair Rebecca Lange. Guests included Camille Miller, Rick Miller, Dan Given, Rosanne Smith and Herman Doering

At 7:00 pm Mayor Parsons called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from March 24th and April 11th meetings were read and approved. No public comments.

CDBG/Funded Activities-Rick and Camille Miller-Altura/Forsgren

EV restroom completed and greenbelt paving is 50% done, entire greenbelt will be redone with the help of the county by July 2025. Restroom facilities will be available Spring, Summer and Fall.

2nd Reading of Ordinances 5.04 & 5.12

Read by Title only

Project Updates - Forsgren/Altura Update

Waste Water Facility Update-Planning study is now complete and approved. Limited grant money is available at this time with the current administration. Rick advised there were loan options at 4.25% interest rate or a possible grant through DOE. Council President Tessmer inquired about submitting an application to secure funding for engineering that is estimated at \$1,000,000, this would keep the project moving along while continuing to look for additional funding in the future for construction costs. Altura/Forsgren will reach out to DOE with intentions of submitting an application.

LSL Update-Application has been submitted to DEQ, Forsgren will submit a bid to the City for a contractor to complete the discovery of the 275 unknown lines. Forsgren will help with invoicing, City will pay contractor and then get reimbursed through grant. The City will make initial contact with residents by going door to door to notify of the upcoming project, the contractor will make contact again 24-48 hours before excavation begins.

Adopt Fair Housing Act – Mayor Parsons

Read and signed Fair Housing Proclamation, declared April to be Fair Housing Month in Arco.

Dan Given – Utility Balance

Recently acquired a house at 443 Lost River Ave after a court settlement, disputing charges incurred by current tenant. Council President Tessmer asked for comments from City Council, there were none. Mr. Tessmer recommended making Mr. Given responsible for the utilities

going forward as of April 14, 2025. Late charges will be suspended and the party responsible for the prior outstanding balance will be determined at a later date.

Community Garden – Beverly Beach

Not available by phone.

Tim Snyder – Rock Screener

Presented an estimate to purchase a rock screener, an estimate to rent one and an estimate to have Darland's do the screening. This would address the accumulated used road materials that could be reused after screening for future projects throughout the City. Mr. Snyder stated that the City will need approximately 400 yards of material for this year. After discussion Council decided to have Darland's screen the material since the City is currently obligated with several other projects and wouldn't require the City to purchase additional equipment.

Bills

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$22,202.89

Roundtable

Deputy Smith: Ill-A is requesting a Wellness Champion for the City to encourage employee participation in health programs. Asked if any of the Council Members were interested in being the City representative.

Mayor Parsons: Inquired about various City projects including a culvert replacement on Hazel and repair/replacement of the sign at the Rec Hall. Wiring seems to be the main issue, a bid will be obtained for the next meeting.

Asked about the search for a pavement saw, Mr. Chisham is making inquiries.

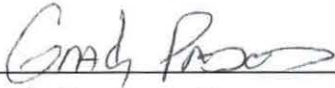
Council President Tessmer: Made inquiries to the businesses around town about their views on declaring Arco a 'resort city' under Idaho statutes. Responses are favorable, would like to move forward with the process for declaration. Continuing work on a master fee schedule for all City fees. When complete, he will present to the Council for review.

Councilwoman Darland: Recognized Mr. Snyder's hard work in finding another 150 yards of chip gravel to add to the stockpile received from ITD. Mr. Snyder has also been finding sources for chip gravel so that the City can plan for sealing additional roads sections in 2026. Ms. Darland says there is currently enough chip gravel for sealing about 1 mile of City streets in 2025.

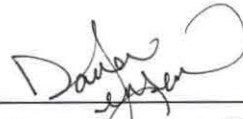
Rebecca Lange: Reported that Jody Harrington has returned to the County Planning Administrator position, but that the county planning commission may not meet again until May. The City PZ has asked to have the Arco Impact Area on the County PZ agenda. Ms.

Lange reports there have been several questions about non-commercial uses in the downtown commercial zone, and non-residential uses in the R1 residential zone. If the request fit the defined conditional use for the zone, Ms. Lange advises a conditional use application as one option. Starting on April 16th, the City PZ will begin preparing a new base map with the current zoning so that the discussion can be started about zoning issues within the City. The next regular meeting of the city PZ will be on Wednesday, April 16th at 9:30 AM

At 8:28 pm the Council adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Arco City Council is Monday, April 28, 7:00 pm at the City Office.



Grady Parsons, Mayor



Dana Jensen, City Clerk

FAIR HOUSING MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 2025 marks the 57th anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Human Rights Commission Act has prohibited discrimination in housing since 1969; and

WHEREAS, equal opportunity for all-regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin-is a fundamental goal of our nation, state and city; and

WHEREAS, equal access to housing is an important component of this goal-as fundamental as the right to equal education and employment; and

WHEREAS, housing is a critical component of family and community health and stability and

WHEREAS, housing choice impacts our children's access to education, our ability to seek and retain employment options, the cultural benefits we enjoy, the extent of our exposure to crime and drugs, and the quality of health care we receive in emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the laws of this nation and our state seek to ensure such equality of choice for all transactions involving housing; and

WHEREAS, ongoing education, outreach and monitoring are key to raising awareness of fair housing principles, practices, rights and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, only through continued cooperation, commitment and support of all Idahoans can barriers to fair housing be removed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Grady Parsons, Mayor of Arco, Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 2025 to be

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

In the City of Arco, Idaho



Grady Parsons
Mayor

4-14-2025

Date


Dana Jensen
City Clerk