

Arco City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 27, 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, Camille Miller, Herman Doering, Rick Miller.

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 \$24,302.71
- Council President Tessmer motioned to approve, Councilwoman Reese 2nd, all in favor.

Cross Connection Ordinance

- Ordinance needs to be in place by the end of the LSL discovery project. Federally mandated, all residents will need to have back flow preventer or a vacuum break in place by 2030 and have them tested annually. Report of testing will need to be filed with the City.

Camille Miller/Forsgren-Project Updates

- LSL discovery project is set to start on 5/18/26, a list of the 160 unknown service lines will be coming from Camille. The City will notify residents with door hangers several weeks ahead of the project and the contractor will notify again with a specific date for each resident.
- LRIP grant awarded in the amount of \$50,000 for a new City transportation plan to be used after October 2026, no match is required. TAP grant was also awarded, with the design portion in 2027 and construction in 2028. The match is approximately \$36,000 and will be spread out over two years, with the majority being needed in 2028.

Rick Miller/Altura-Wastewater Project Update

- Clean water letter of interest application submitted in January for DEQ priority list to obtain funding for wastewater treatment plant, Arco ranked 22 out of 40 applicants statewide. Funding was available for the 4 highest ranked in the SRF program.
- Community development block grants were raised from \$500,000 to \$650,000, this would be ideal for smaller high need projects relating to the current treatment plant. Council identified the need for a SCADA update, a request has been made from several companies for a bid.

- Community development block grants are available for park projects, Council would like to explore options for a grant to build a park near the Science Center consisting of a basketball and pickleball court. City would like to seek like in kind construction from local contributors to help with groundwork and such, reserving the majority of the grant money for the structure. Rick will seek out information on possibly submitting an application this year or next.

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Roundtable

- Council President Tessmer inquired as to whether the parking issues at Valley View Auto had been resolved. The owner will be renting a neighboring lot to park excess cars, most of the cars being parked on the street have been moved. The owner has also renewed his temporary use permit for the building that is used as an office until repairs are completed on the main building. Campaign signs are being placed around town, along the greenbelt and along the side of the road. Individuals will be contacted to remove signs, if not done so within several days, they will be removed by the City employees. Questions were raised about advertising for a local business on a sign that was placed on a property owned by the City several years ago. The business will be asked to contact the City office as to the future of advertising on this property.
- Councilman Cummins asked Maintenance Lead Snyder if he could give regular updates regarding ongoing and upcoming projects the maintenance crew is undertaking. At a previous meeting, a resident spoke to the Council about backfilling a water meter on his property and inquired as to whether this had been done. The maintenance crew has been directing their attention to the recent SCADA issues, water main leak and plugged sewer main over the last several days and as such, have not been able to address the water meter issue. Tim will contact the owner this week, he also informed the Council that the owner of the property at 695 Joan has been contacted to fill in the hole on the property and the drain at the Rec Center has been repaired.
- Herman Doering inquired about the many cars being parked at 310 N East St, Council informed him this is a residence with many drivers but the Maintenance crew will follow up to make sure there aren't any cars parked illegally.
- Maintenance Lead Snyder informed the Council of the different issues the maintenance crew had been facing during the week, involving the SCADA system and water main leak. The new SCADA computer is running on manual, as there are still issues that Teton Communications are trying to resolve. The work requested from the City involving the canal has been completed by BLRID, including a culvert being moved and the second culvert being ordered and will be installed this fall after the water goes out.
- PZ Chair Rebecca Lange stated City P&Z has had more questions regarding zoning on proposed projects in town. P&Z have also reviewed the setbacks on

triangle shaped lots & recommended to owners to have property surveyed so property lines are clear.

At 8:32 pm, meeting adjourned. The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2026, at 7 pm at the City office.

Grady Parsons, Mayor

Dana Jensen, City Clerk