

**Arco City Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 28, 2025**

In attendance: Mayor Parsons, Council members Tessmer, McCurdy, Reese and Darland. City Clerk Jensen, Maintenance Supervisor Tony Chisham, PZ Chair Rebecca Lange, Guests were Rosanne Smith, John Muffett, Mike and Shannon Telford

At 7:00 pm Mayor Parsons called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved. No public comments.

**Business License/Beer and Liquor License – Council President Tessmer**

Presented 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading of Chapters 5.04, 5.12 and 5.14. President Tessmer called for a vote for each Title separately. All Councilmembers voted in favor of adopting ordinances for all.

**Greenbelt Pathway Paving Options – President Tessmer**

Received word that Butte County Commissioners were reconsidering paving options for the Greenbelt. County Commissioners held a Special Meeting on April 4, 2025, and \$62,840 was approved for the pathway repairs. Matter tabled until further information is available.

**Airport Update – John Muffett**

Grant funds for the card reader at airport fuel station is on track to be distributed. Work to begin after on initiating work until funds are received.

Airport Masterplan, FAA proposed grant amount is changing from \$3.7 to \$4 million. Match funds required from both County and City is now \$54,054. Project is approx. 3 months ahead of schedule with completion date of September of 2026.

3 bids presented for installation of Electric Meters for the Airport hangars. Council President Tessmer made a motion to accept bid from Mountainside Electric for \$3600 plus \$603 for meters. Councilman McCurdy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. County and City will split the cost.

**Diversions Structure and Sunset Recharge/Recreation Site - Mike Telford**

Inquired about whether Arco or Butte County has an active historical society. Mr. Telford would like to see the old headgate along the green belt preserved. Mr. Chisham stated his plans to make some repairs to try use it as a water feature. Mr. Telford would like to contribute and was advised by President Tessmer he could do so through the Pretty City Committee earmarked for the Diversions Structure Project.

Mr. Telford spoke to the Council about a recharge/recreation project initiated several years ago along the Big Lost River and near 2500 W. The City isn't aware of any existing project. The County currently owns 114 acres that has a wildlife easement and has been landlocked. Mr. Telford recently acquired an adjacent 30 acres that provides access to the County property and envisions a parking lot on his 30 acre parcel and possibly a bridge to a pond

for fishing and swimming with the help of the County and Department of Fish and Wildlife. He inquired as to whether the City would be interested in being a partner in the project. There was an existing committee as the start of planning but was dissolved, a new committee would need to be formed and project funding sought. Mr. Telford plans to speak with the County as well.

### **Dust Abatement - Tony Chisham**

Mr. Chisham presented estimates for several types of dust abatement products, discussing the pros and cons of each. He would like to order the product needed soon so it arrives before the application window which is after Memorial Day. The funding plan for chip seal oil was discussed and whether there would be funds available after purchasing it. President Tessmer recommended finalizing the expected cost of the oil so the Council can review it so the availability of funds for dust abatement product could be determined. No action was taken.

### **Bills**

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$24,756.46.

### **Roundtable**

Clerk Jensen: Reported that the pavement saw has been received and asked that a request for bids be published for summer hay cutting on the City pivots after conversations with Mr. Chisham.

Mayor Parsons: Code Enforcer Tim Snyder has been working with Butte County Sheriff's department on notification letters regarding code violations. The project to haul waste blacktop will begin next week.

Council President Tessmer: Wishes to meet with the Butte County Commissioners regarding the Greenbelt paving project with County and their possible reconsideration of the cost of their portion. Commented that perhaps further investigation into the 'Resort' declaration is warranted based on the amount of travelers come through Arco. Invited the public to use the public comment period at the beginning of every council meeting to ask questions, raise issues and communicate needs of the City.

Councilman McCurdy: As a citizen, thanked the City crew for assistance they provided him.

Councilwoman Reese: Recently visited a disc golf course and inquired as to whether Arco would be a good place for this kind of attraction. The greenbelt area was suggested, President Tessmer suggested visiting with Justin Rose from Arco Parks and Rec about interest and possible funding sources. A mini golf course and cornhole area at the park was also discussed.

Rebecca Lange: Expects the Arco Impact Area will be on the next County P&Z meeting agenda. Only one set of comments was received at the April 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing for the Title 17 planning and zoning ordinance revisions. City P&Z recommends the Arco City Council proceed with the public readings of the revisions as written so revisions can be adopted by the City.

President Tessmer suggested simplifying

The next regular P&Z meeting is Wednesday May 14 at 9:30 am

At 8:48 pm the Council adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Arco City Council is Monday, May 12, 7:00 pm at the City Office.



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Grady Parsons, Mayor



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Dana Jensen, City Clerk