

**Arco City Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**June 23, 2025**

In attendance: Council members Tessmer, McCurdy, and Darland. City Clerk Jensen, Deputy Clerk Smith, Maintenance Supervisor Tony Chisham, Maintenance Lead Tim Snyder, PZ Chair Rebecca Lange, Rosanne Smith, Oded Paz, Kim Sanders, Kirsten Bingham, Karrie Hjelm, Nathan Hjelm, Richard Hansen.

At 7:10 pm Council President Tessmer called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved. Public comments given by Rosanne Smith and Oded Paz.

Rosanne Smith: Inquired about the LSL loan and asked for clarification on the use and terms of the money available under the loan.

Loan is obtained through the City for resident's to use for replacement of water lines found to have lead, if they choose to do so.

Oded Paz: Inquired as to when the water leak in front of the post office will be repaired, the status on the repairs to the dog kennels, the repairs to the road going to the hospital and the intersection at Front and Grand.

Tim Snyder reported that the repairs should begin this week on the water leak, a drain needed to be installed in the building housing the kennels and kennels ordered. Reported that all the pot holes have been filled and that he will check if anything further can be done to make the road better. Council President stated that efforts had been made to lower the speed limit and get a light at the intersection of Front and Grand but that ITD is unwilling to make any changes because it is a highway and a truck route. Any changes would have to be initiated with ITD, taking those decisions away from the City.

**Master Fee Schedule and Business Licenses – Council President Tessmer**

Considering the comments and concerns after the Public Hearing, Council President Tessmer recommended that the matter be tabled for 3 months for further consideration and discussion. All in favor.

**Business Phone Specialist – Dean Stutzman**

Presented a quote to the Council for phone services, Council will review.

**Pretty City Committee Report – Shelly Blackner**

Pretty City Committee has placed flower barrels along Grand, they have someone serving community service watering them and weed eating around town. She gave an update on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Atomic Days activities, information will be available through social media and in the paper. New metal benches will be placed along the Greenbelt and in front of the Rec Hall, made possible with a donation from INL. She acknowledged INL for the \$3,000 to the Committee and their continued involvement in the community through activities like the

STEM bus during Atomic Days. The committee is also working to get better maintenance for the Atom Art installation at the Science Center and intend to repair the light and plant flowers around the base. Discussion was had involving the weeds and sidewalks around town, focusing on Front and Grand and encouraging residents to maintain their property in an effort keep up the appearance of the city. Final comments were on the park next to the Bodyshop, she thanked Lelah Whitehead for maintaining it and confirmed that the County will be placing cameras there to discourage vandalism.

### **Water Rights – Del Kohtz**

Would like to sell water rights to the City, will collect information on what he has available and present it to the Council in the future.

### **Blattner Well Repairs – Tim Snyder**

After contacting other vendors capable of repairing the well for additional estimates, the Council approved continuing with the repairs through Mtn Valley Pump. Councilman McCurdy motioned, Councilwoman Darland 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Water Mitigation Meeeting Update – Councilwoman Darland**

Councilwoman Darland attended the Big Lost River irrigation District meeting last week representing the council. The meeting focused of mitigation. The City will need to decrease water use by 11.4% starting this fall. The City will reach out to AIC to acquire more information about the upcoming requirements of the mitigation plan going into effect this fall.

### **ATC Internet Quote For Science Center**

A bid for internet at the Science Center was presented for \$8.00/month. Councilwoman Darland motioned to approve, Councilman McCurdy 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Review Cross Connection Control and Wellhead Protection Ordinance**

Ordinances need to be updated, Tony Chisham will provide the language so this can be done at a future meeting. Matter tabled.

### **Amend Agenda – Hay Bids**

Agenda was amended to review the one bid received for putting up both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> crops of hay from the City pivots. Bid was from Reynolds Farms. Councilman McCurdy made a motion to accept the bid. Councilwoman Darland 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Bills**

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$14,133.02

## Roundtable

Council President Tessmer: Suggested having a registry for business with no fee instead of a business license for the businesses in town, matter will be discussed more in future meetings.

Councilwoman Darland: Thanked the new owner of the Masonic building for the restorations to the outside of the building.

Rebecca Lange: Discussed a Special Use permit and a current building permit involving the use of a shipping container as the main structure for a home, which according to IBC is allowable with engineered plans.

At 9:12 pm the Council adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Arco City Council is Monday, July 14, 7:00 pm at the City Office.

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Ben Tessmer, Council President Tessmer

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Dana Jensen, City Clerk