

**Arco City Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**August 11, 2025**

In attendance: Mayor Parsons, Council members Tessmer, McCurdy, Reese and Darland. City Clerk Jensen, Deputy Clerk Smith, Maintenance Supervisor Tony Chisham, PZ Chair Rebecca Lange, Steve Stephens, Kirsten Bingham, Blaine Cummins, Ryan Andersen, Herman Doering, Nathan Hjelm and Tom Darland.

7:02 pm Mayor Parsons called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

**Public Comment**

No public comments.

**Wellhead Protection Ordinance 2025-D**

Ordinance is required to be adopted as part of the Lead Service Line project. The 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of this ordinance was read by President Tessmer by title only. Roll call vote was taken to adopt the Ordinance, all in favor. Motion passed.

**Water Mitigation Plan**

Attorney Steve Stephens discussed the water mitigation plan required by IDWR with the Council, since The City is part of the Big Lost River Ground Water District we are included in their proposed water mitigation plan. After reviewing The City's ground water rights, Stephens recommended removing the domestic water rights from the commercial rights in order to protect them from curtailment. This can be accomplished by filing a petition with IDWR. Stephens also suggested The City draft a water scarcity ordinance that allows for water conservation during drought conditions.

**Resolution To Update City Office Hours.**

Resolution 2025-04 was introduced to change the City Office hours from 8:30 to 4:00 Monday through Thursday and 8:30 to 1:00 on Fridays. New hours will take affect on August 18. Motion to adopt the resolution made by Pres. Tessmer, Councilman McCurdy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**Review Quote-Survey Water Street Well**

An estimate for \$2950.00 was presented from Snake River Water Line to the Council to survey the Water Street well and assess its condition. Well hasn't been in operation since 2011, Tony Chisham stated that The City had a pump but felt the well needed a motor and cable. Motion to accept to accept the bid for services made by Pres. Tessmer, Councilman McCurdy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

## **Review Cross Connection Ordinance**

To receive funding for the LSL, The City needs to adopt an Ordinance requiring residents to install approved check valves preventing backflow if there is a pressure loss in the water system. DEQ requires this of The City, discussion was had on the upcoming draft of this ordinance, and an effort was made to notify residents what will be required of them. Pres. Tessmer suggested at least 2 individuals on the Maintenance crew acquire the training and certification so The City can provide this service at a lower cost; as well as test the check valves annually.

## **Bills**

Bills were read and approved in the amount of \$106,392.48.

## **Roundtable**

Mayor Parsons expressed concerns over the intersection at Front and Grand, as there was another accident. He recommended contacting ITD again to address the issues this area faces.

Clerk Jensen asked about the possibility of placing another camera at the City Shop that could help monitor the intersection at Front and Grand.

Councilwoman Reese thanked Pres. Tessmer for the time and work he spent preparing the budget for the upcoming hearing. Pres. Tessmer said it was a collaborative effort and thanked the Council and residents that made suggestions.

Councilwoman Darland asked about the possibility of getting a flashing crosswalk sign for the school. This issue again goes back to ITD.

Pres. Tessmer discussed the 5% increase on water utility rates effective October 1, 2025, to help cover the costs of needed maintenance on the City wells.

P&Z Chair Rebecca Lange reported that the school is moving forward with their variance. She then reported the County P&Z will meet again to discuss the Area of Impact on August 20, 2025.

At 8:41 pm Councilman McCurdy made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Budget Hearing is scheduled for August 25, 2025 at 6pm in the Butte County Business Center, followed by the regular meeting at 7pm.

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Grady Parsons, Mayor

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Dana Jensen, City Clerk