

MINUTES

City Council
City of Arco
December 11, 2023

Public Hearing – City of Arco Comprehensive Plan – the City of Arco presented the completed Comprehensive Plan to the public for comments and questions. After calling the meeting to order, Mayor Parsons lead the Pledge of Allegiance and then opened the Comp Plan hearing at 7:02 p.m. at the City Office. In attendance were Mayor Parsons, Temporary Council President Ben Tessmer, Council members Bobbie Reese, Danny McCurdy, City Clerk Maribel Cahalan, and Maintenance Supervisor Tony Chisham. Guests in attendance were Tom Cammack, Rebecca Lange, Kurt Hibbert, Camille Miller, Robert Bettencourt, Christy McCurdy, Amanda Darland, Travis Gilchrist, Dusty Jensen, John Muffett, Tom Darland and Rick Miller via cellphone.

After Mayor Parsons commented on the Comp Plan being “A General Vision for the Town, the Mayor invited Kurt Hibbert to present the Comp Plan. The City Comprehensive Plan update has been in the works for a few years now. Some residents will remember the communities outreach questionnaires that were sent out in 2022 and public booth at 2022 Atomic Days event. Kurt Hibbert, Planner of Community Development Specialists presented highlights for the completed 2023 Comp Plan to the City Council and members of the public. Mayor Parsons then opened the Hearing for any questions or comments. A comment that has been asked several times was “where to find a copy of the new Comp Plan”? Some have read the entire document. The City has a print copy available for review upon request at the City Office. After the approval of the Comp Plan, the City plans to put up a digital copy on the City’s website. A feature of the Comp Plan that is continuing and will tie with updating City and County ordinances is a map of the Area in Arco of Impact and its zoning. The City and County P & Z Commission have discussed the boundaries of an Area of Impact during the process of writing the newly approved County Comp Plan as well as the City Comp Plan. The boundaries and zoning for an Area of Impact will be discussed again by the City and County at the January 2024 Planning & Zoning meeting. Once the City and County agree on the boundaries and proposed zoning, the map will be presented to the public. A large map of the proposed Area of Impact has been, and will remain, posted on the Information Board at the City Office. In order to finalize the Area of Impact and zoning, a written agreement between the City and County is required for the Area of Impact process to become fully in working order. Councilman Tessmer stressed that the Comp Plan is a living document, meant to be powerful, and to address community desires and land use issues as they arise. At 7:15 p.m. Mayor Parsons closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

Immediately following the Public Hearing, the City Council started on the Council agenda items. Mayor made note that the meeting’s agenda needed one amendment to add discussion of the Park Improvement Project to the list status updates from Forsgren Associates that was already on the agenda. A motion was made and passed to amend the evenings City Council agenda.

Minutes of the November 27th, 2023 Council meeting was approved.

Public Comment – Travis Gilchrist, former Council President too the moment to thank the City of Aro, the Council members, Mayor Parsons, and other mayors, past and present, and City Clerks for their support and positive actions for the City over the 16 years Travis has sat on the Council.

Resolution to Adopt New Comprehensive Plan – City Resolution 2023-06 was read by acting Council President Ben Tessmer. The resolution provided details of the nearly two-year process of listening sessions, working meetings, and input from the public that were incorporated into the Comp Plan. As there were no substantial objections raised during the Public Hearing, the Resolution adopts the Comp Plan s of this reading. The City Clerk will fille a copy of the newly adopted Resolution and Comp Plan with the Butte County Clerk, Butte County Planning and Zoning, and with each municipality in Butte County. Councilman Tessmer made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-06. The motion passed.

Area of Impact for Comprehensive Plan – This item was Tabled until the City and County Planning and Zoning meet again in January to finalize the Area of Impact map and zoning. This meeting has been scheduled for January 17, 2024, and will be open to the public. After the Area of Impact map is agreed upon, the City of Arco will work with Butte County P & Z on sideboards for possible future subdivisions within the Area of Impact including within the City limits. These sideboards will be incorporated in a new subdivision ordinance for the Area of Impact.

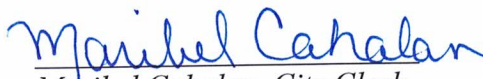
Bills – bills for the first portion of December in the amount of \$8,093.73 were reviewed and approved for payment.

Roundtable – City Clerk Cahalan and other Council members wished everybody a Merry Christmas. Mayor Parsons added “and a Happy New Year” and reminded everyone of the Christmas Light Parade at 6:00 p.m., on Sunday, December 17. Lineup starts at 5:00 p.m. at Valley Ag.

As there was no additional business, the Council adjourned at 8:43 p.m. As there is no planned meeting for the fourth Monday in December, the next regular meeting for the Arco City Council will be the second Monday, January 08, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Office.



Grady Parsons, Mayor



Maribel Cahalan, City Clerk