

# MINUTES

City Council  
City of Arco  
February 26, 2024

Mayor Grady Parsons called the regular meeting to order for Monday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Council President Ben Tessmer, Councilmembers Bobbie Reese, Danny McCurdy. City Clerk Maribel Cahalan, Deputy Clerk Dana Jensen, Assistant Deputy Clerk KC Thacker, and City Maintenance Tony Chisham. Guests were Tom Cammack, Rebecca Lange, Christy McCurdy, Rosanne Smith, KJ Babcock, Richard and Mary Dean, Nathan Hjelm, Ross Carrol, Scott Ullsperger, Monica Anderson, Ellie Signor and the Signor family.

Minutes from the January 12 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Public Comment** – No one signed up for public comment.

**The Swearing in of Newly hired Assistant Deputy Clerk – KC Thacker** – KC Thacker was sworn in by Arco City Clerk Maribel Cahalan. Assistant Deputy Clerk Thacker will be working a few hours a day until the end of the calendar year when Clerk Cahalan is scheduled to retire.

**Ross Carroll with East Idaho Submarine Veterans/recognized Ellie Signor for her efforts at the Museum** – last year the City of Arco advertised for volunteers to staff the Arco Hawkbill Sail and Science Center for the summer. There were three applications received. Of the three applicants, Ms. Ellie Signor became a local volunteer who trained and learned about the Hawkbill and the Science Center to become authorized to expand Hawkbill Base Docents in staffing the Arco museum. In recognition of Ms. Signor's interest and hard work in the Hawkbill Base, the Eastern Idaho local chapter of the United States Submarine Veterans recognized Ellie with an Honorary Submariner Certificate. Ms. Ellie was presented with a special Golden Submarine Pen and will receive a custom embroidered Submarine Force jacket or hoodie. Ellie's family was present to see the presentation of the Certificate and Pen by Hawkbill Base Commander Ross Carroll and Hawkbill Base Treasurer/Secretary Scott Ullsperger. The City of Arco and the Hawkbill Base will be advertising for volunteers for this coming summer season at the Hawkbill Sail and Science Center and invited Ellie to continue her exceptional service. Anyone interested in volunteering to help staff at the Hawkbill Sail and Science Center over the summer, please contact the City of Arco. Additional information regarding the Eastern Idaho United States Submarine Veterans is available at their website: <https://hawkbillussvi.org/>.

**Moj Broadie – Big Lost River Irrigation District – go over replacing Hazel Street Culvert** – Monica Anderson, the BLRID secretary/treasurer filled in for Moj Broadie to provide the proposed agreement between the BLRID and the City of Arco for materials and work to replace the BLRID Hazel Street Culvert. One of the terms of the agreement is that the City will supply the new culvert for installation. BLRID and the City of Arco staff have been coordinating to get the culvert ordered. BLRID plans on replacing the culvert in the Spring before the canal is opened. Council President Ben Tessmer said that the City Council will have the City Attorney review the agreement and then schedule additional discussion about, or approve of, the agreement.

**Bills** – bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$1,378.47.

**Roundtable** – City Clerk Cahalan welcomed KC to the City staff, as well as did Mayor Parsons.

Mayor Parsons said that the Park Grant Project to add restroom facilities at the EV Station and Science Center has been approved. The design contract went out February 24, 2024. The project outline will occur in April, for review. After that, the project will go out for bid in June 2024. So, by July the City expects to award the contract and have construction begin.

Council President Tessmer stated that part of the Park Grant Project funds will be used to extend and improve the Greenbelt pathway access to the Science Center and extend the southeast end of the Greenbelt.

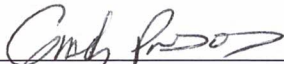
Council President Tessmer also outlined recent coordination between the City Council and Butte County Planning & Zoning on the draft Area of Impact and the agreement that is connected to the newly approved Butte County Comprehensive Plan and the newly adopted City of Arco Comprehensive Plan. There is another meeting scheduled for


March 7, 2024, between the City and the County to finalize the language of the Area of Impact agreement. A public hearing to present the draft Area of Impact map is expected to be scheduled three weeks later. The most recent draft map and the City Comprehensive Plan is available at the City website: <https://cityofarco.municipalimpact.com/community-development>

Now that the Comprehensive Plan is adopted, the next step is to revise the ordinances to track with the Comprehensive Plan. It's expected to be an ongoing process, most likely onto the summer months.

Councilwoman Reese said that she's been asked about the possibilities of adding a dual charging port at the City EV charging station to accommodate Tesla vehicles. Council President Tessmer reminded the Council that the decision to install the CSS Type 1 connector was made early in the charging station planning process based upon the cost and the CSS Type 1 connector being the charging standard for the U.S. and North America. There are no plans to change the EV charging station currently. Councilwoman Reese asked about posting pictures of City activities to the website. Ms. Bobbie has currently been posting interesting photos of the City on the Mayor's Facebook page. Clerk Cahalan will look into adding Ms. Reese on the City's website.

As there was no additional business, the Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next Regular Council meeting will be on Monday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Office.

  
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Grady Parsons, Mayor

  
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Maribel Cahalan, City Clerk