

MINUTES

City Council
City of Arco
June 26, 2023

Mayor Parsons called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Mayor Grady Parsons, Council President Travis Gilchrist, Council members Ben Tessmer, Bobbie Reese, Danny McCurdy, City Clerk Maribel Cahalan, and Deputy Clerk Dana Jensen, Maintenance Supervisor Tony Chisham. Guests in attendance were Dana Izatt, Rebecca Lange, Tom Cammack, Rick Miller, Taci Stoddard, Kevin Harris, Carl Couture and Rosanne Smith.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Minutes from the last Council meeting on June 12th were reviewed by the Council and approved upon motion.

Public Comments – Carl Couture asked the Council about closing North Idaho Street from Grand Avenue to Lost River Avenue in the evening for a Street Party during Atomic Days. Council President Gilchrist along with the other council members encouraged Mr. Couture to submit a permit application and to make plans to block off the street and to ensure that minors are not allowed into areas where alcohol is served.

Rick Miller - Altura/Kevin Harris – Forsgren Engineers – Rick Miller of Altura Community Consulting & Business Finance paired up with Kevin Harris from Forsgren Associates to brief the Council about availability of Federal grant monies for Arco Parks improvements. Up to \$245,000.00 may be available. Mr. Miller and the City Council members had previously discussed the possibility of adding additional restroom facilities at Bottolfsen Park and at the Science Center Park. Mr. Miller informed the Council that the grant application is due by September 18, 2023, and that if the Council members would like assistance to complete the grant application, then action needs to be taken soon. There were several possibilities discussed for Parks improvement, as well as details of necessary actions by the City, such as naming a Grant Administrator and an engineering firm to draft plans for the application. Councilman Danny McCurdy made a motion to proceed with steps outlined by Mr. Miller and to have Altura work with the City Clerk to move forward to complete a grant application. The motion was approved. Action to name a Grant Administrator and to select an engineering firm will be on the next City Council agenda.

Next up, Kevin Harris from Forsgren Associates Engineers discussed the status of the Facility Planning Study (FPS) the City requested from Forsgren. The Study is still being prepared. Mr. Harris shared detailed information that is still needed, or clarification needed by additional data collection. This study will provide the City with action items, priorities, and cost projections for maintaining or to improve the City Water & Sewer systems. Forsgren expects to complete the FPS, once the needed additional data is collected, reviewed, and then incorporated into the FPS. FPS was funded by a grant that reimburses the City up to 75% of the cost for the Study. Mr. Harris discussed with the Council steps to get funds released for the Study.

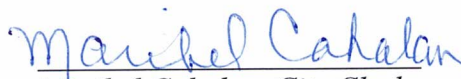
Mr. Harris advised the Council that the lead and copper pipe inventory for the City is coming along. Forsgren expects to have the inventory report completed by October.

Mr. Harris also told the Council about Federal Strategic Initiative Grants that could help the City move forward on street chip sealing projects that are outlined in the City's Transportation Plan that have been considered in the past but have not been pursued because of insufficient funds in the City budget. Forsgren would need the funding to prepare the grant application, the preparation would include the engineering plan for a street improvement project. If the City does not receive a grant under this program, the street improvement project plan would still be available for future grant application opportunities, or for implementation should the City find funds to move this project forward.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m. The next regular City Council meeting will be held on Monday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the City office.



Grady Parsons, Mayor



Maribel Cahalan, City Clerk