

MINUTES

City Council
City of Arco
March 11, 2024

Mayor Grady Parsons called the regular meeting to order for Monday, March 11, at 7:02 p.m. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Council President Ben Tessmer, Councilmembers Bobbie Reese, Danny McCurdy, Amanda Darland, City Clerk Maribel Cahalan, Deputy Clerk Dana Jensen, Assistant Deputy Clerk KC Thacker, and City Maintenance Tony Chisham. Guests were Tom Cammack, Rebecca Lange, and Christy McCurdy.

Minutes from the February 26 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Public Comment – No one signed up for public comment.

Alan Zimmer of KOA – Mr. Zimmer wanted to discuss the opening of 2400, but he did not show up for this meeting.

Discuss Dust Abatement Options – Maintenance Supervisor Tony Chisham provided the Council with additional information and options for dust abatement for the City streets. Traditional mag-chloride application is the most cost-effective option. Alternative bitumen-emulsifier product would require five times as much product (19 tote containers of mag-chloride) and would still require the City crew to outfit a City sprayer truck. Maintenance Supervisor Chisham provided a cost estimate to cover a City vehicle with a tank and sprayer. The City crew would build the sprayer. Council President Tessmer had some questions about whether the proposed aluminum spray valves would handle corrosion from mag-chloride and asked Mr. Chisham to cost out stainless valves, as well as cost for equipment for road preparation, and additional cold patch asphalt. Council President Tessmer proposed tabling the discussion until additional cost information for an upgraded Grader blade and stainless valves are prepared.

Bills – bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$22,742.03.

Roundtable – Council President Tessmer asked the Council to consider dates for working meetings to tackle updating City ordinances to match the new City Comprehensive Plan. Council members agreed to meet on Friday, March 22, at 11 a.m. and Friday, April 12, 11 a.m., to begin the process of updating the City ordinances.

Councilman McCurdy asked about the status of issues with the Fredricks Building. Council President Tessmer said that any discussion on that would be scheduled for a future executive session of the Council.

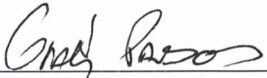
Councilwoman Reese handed the Council cost estimates from ATC for security cameras for Bottolfsen Park, the Science Center, and the EV Station. The estimate plans would be for four cameras at the Park, three for the Science Center and EV Station. The cameras can either be leased or purchased from ATC. Lease cost would be \$4,620 per year. The cost of the lease includes all maintenance, repairs and equipment replacement. Purchasing the cameras would cost nearly as much but would not include maintenance, repair or replacement costs. The information was provided for review for a future Council meeting. Ms. Reese asked the Council to consider that the costs for City residents was several thousand dollars for vandalism in 2023.

Councilwoman Darland asked if the proposed agreement document that was presented by BLRID for replacement of Hazel Street culvert was reviewed by the City Attorney. Deputy Clerk Jensen said that it was. Comments made by the City Attorney were forwarded to the Big Lost River Irrigation District. Ms. Darland said that she was concerned that details of the division of responsibilities for maintenance or damage repair be outlined clearly in the agreement. Council President Tessmer stated that some of the comments to BLRID by City Attorney were on that topic. Council President Tessmer also asked Mr. Chisham what the status is for ordering the new culvert. Maintenance supervisor Chisham said that the quotes have been obtained and the delivery dates were projected to be four to six weeks. Council President Tessmer asked Mr. Chisham if he can finalize the quotes so that Council can act on moving forward to order the culvert.


Councilwoman Darland also asked “what is needed to move forward with the plans for City street improvements?” The Council members and Maintenance supervisor Chisham discussed in detail about what has been done in the past and that there are several options for future maintenance improvements. Ms. Darland asked, “why can’t the City chip seal some streets rather than waiting on grants for curb and gutter installation and paving for only a portion of the City?” It was discussed that due to costs, even a chip sealing plan could only move forward a bit at a time. Also, chip sealing

would only be an option for streets that do not have heavy truck traffic. Council President Tessmer asked Councilwoman Darland if she would meet with the County Road and Bridge supervisor and the City maintenance supervisor to start working on a cost estimate for street improvements. All Council members agreed that the City budget would only allow street improvements to proceed in segments, but an estimate is needed to begin to make plans. Also, the Council would like to reunite with Butte County Road and Bridge for assistance and cooperation on improvements to city streets.

Councilman McCurdy made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m., Councilwomen Reese second the motion. Motion carried. The next Regular Council meeting will be on Monday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Office.



Grady Parsons, Mayor



Maribel Cahalan, City Clerk