

MINUTES

City Council
City of Arco
March 13, 2023

Council President Travis Gilchrist called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Council Members Ben Tessmer, Bobbie Reese, Danny McCurdy, City Clerk Maribel Cahalan, and Maintenance Supervisor Tony Chisham. Guests in attendance were Rosanne Smith, Rebecca Lange, Tom Cammack, Tom Darland, and Donna Murray.

Minutes from the Special Meeting on March 7th and on February 27th meeting were reviewed by the Council and approved upon motion.

At a Special City Council Meeting, Tuesday, March 7th, Club Sawtooth owners Carrie and Carl Couture presented their request to be approved for their City Alcohol License. At that time, the Couture's were waiting on their State Liquor number to be issued. Council to approve the license, contingent on State Liquor number being issued.

Councilmen Ben Tessmer mad a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m., Councilmen Danny McCurdy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Rosanne Smith signed up for public comment. Ms. Smith, wanting to keep the topic for tracking the City's 2021-2022 ARPA (American Rescue and Recovery Act) funds and 2021-2022 DEQ \$100,000 grant funds. Ms. Smith asked if the City's online financial tracking system has been brought up to date for November 2022, but the system is still not allowing complete entries for December 2022. Deputy Clerk Dana Jensen has been working with the financial system technical support to accept all entries. Ms. Smith questioned whether the City HAS TO use the current online financial system, or whether it would be possible to find an acceptable, operational replacement. Council President Gilchrist believes that the system in place is required by the State of Idaho but asked Clerk Cahalan to inquire if that is correct. Ms. Smith suggested the Council press the system provider to ensure the system is fully functional.

Approve Draft Resolution for Water District #34 and Assign Attendee – Clerk Cahalan had prepared a draft Resolution for the Council to review but had a final version ready if the Council approved the Resolution. Guest Tom Darland shared that the Water District meeting was held on March 7th, the first Tuesday of March, and that it is normally held once a year in March. Council President Gilchrist was under the impression that the meeting was to be held on March 20th. Clerk Cahalan had been informed that the Water District meeting would be held in April. Since the meeting had passed, Councilman Tessmer made a motion to table delegation of authority for a City attendee, but also suggested the draft-resolution format be put on file for next year. The motion was second and passed.

Vehicle for the City/Tony Chisham – Maintenance Supervisor Tony Chisham informed the Council that after the repair and installation of the flatbed on the city vehicle that was damaged last August, \$7000 - \$8000 remains from the insurance payout. Mr. Chisham requested permission to search for a used vehicle in the price range for City Staff to use for delivering the City water samples to Pocatello Lab. Mr. Chisham has been searching and has possibly found a surplus vehicle from the Department of Water Resources. After some discussion on the quality of the vehicle, Councilman McCurdy made a motion to grant Maintenance supervisor Chisham authorization to use his judgement to acquire a suitable vehicle given one is ascertained, and price is not to exceed \$7000. The Motion was seconded and passed.

Approve Alcohol License for SJ's Café – Owner of SJ's Coffee Shop has been working with Clerk Jensen to renew and update the Café's beer and wine license. All the paperwork is in place, but the owner did not make it to the City office today to pay for the license fee. Councilman Tessmer made a motion to approve the beer and wine license contingent upon receipt for the fee payment. The Motion was seconded and passed.

Darland Skid Steer Haul off Snow – Tom Darland attended the meeting to offer services to clear various snow stacks throughout the City if the City wants more rapid removal. Prices quoted are \$40 per load, but for the City it would be \$35 per load for dump truck removal, or \$105 per load for side dump. After some discussion, the Council and the maintenance supervisor determined that the City is making ample progress on the snow pile removal. However, guests Donna Murray and Rosanne Smith, inquired about the snow piles that are creating blind spots on nearly every street corner, and if the snow be pushed down to the irrigation canal on Hazel Street will be a problem for the canal when the spring melt starts. Councilmembers Gilchrist and Tessmer asked maintenance supervisor Chisham to keep in mind that, if needed, the City would be able to contract additional help. There was no additional action to discuss.

Bills – Council members Bobbi Reese and Danny McCurdy reviewed the bills presented at the meeting. After reviewing and verifying, Councilwoman Bobbie Reese made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$39,391.74. The motion was seconded and approved.

Roundtable – Councilwoman Reese expressed her excitement on the time change and longer days. As the meeting prepared to close, it was still light outside.

Since there were no further discussions at the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next regular City Council meeting, at the City Office to be held Monday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m.


Grady Parsons, Mayor


Maribel Cahalan, City Clerk