

MINUTES

City Council
City of Arco
May 22, 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 members Ben Tessmer, Bobbie Reese, Danny McCurdy, City Clerk Maribel Cahalan, and Maintenance Supervisor Tony Chisham. Guests in attendance were Nick Anderson, Tom Cammack, Rebecca Lange, Dean and Shannon Bruderer.

Minutes from the last Council meeting on May 8th were reviewed by the Council and approved upon motion.

Public Comments – Dean Bruderer, asked the Council what’s the plan for the current dirt berm on the street side of the newly lined Big Lost River Irrigation District Canal. Mr. Bruderer asked how will the water flow off the street when a heavy rain falls? Rebecca Lange also asked, if there is a plan for dust abatement and seeding of the newly disrupted dirt? Mayor Parsons said that he would take a look at the BLRID plans for the finish look and seeding.

M2 Security Design for Park – Nick Anderson brought in the security master plan for Bottolfsen Park for the City Council to review. The plan includes estimated installation and annual maintenance costs. Each installation could run as high as \$25,000, plus \$800 minimum annual maintenance program cost for each facility. If the City proceeds, security master plans for the City Shop, City Office, and other facilities would also be prepared. Councilmembers Ben Tessmer, Bobbie Reese and Danny McCurdy all had questions about the proposed master plan. Councilman Tessmer said that the City is approaching the annual budget cycle and funds for security systems would need to be planned for. Council members indicated to the most recent vandalism at Bottolfsen Park as the incentive for an operational city security system. At this time, Council members will use the cost estimate from the draft security master plan for the Park during the 2023-2024 budget process to help plan for the City’s security future.

Resolution for Safety Eyewear and Work Boots Allowance – A Resolution was prepared as discussed at the last Council meeting for City employee safety eyewear. However, this action item was tabled until the new City Personnel Handbook can be adopted and put in place of City employees.

Review and Approve City Personnel Handbook – After review and discussion of the updated City Personnel Handbook, Councilman Tessmer made a motion to approve the Handbook as written, effective May 22, 2023. The motion passed.

Review/Update for Planning & Zoning Application & Permit Fees – The City of Arco has not updated the building application and building permit fees since the last City planning cycle around 10 years ago. The Butte County Planning & Zoning have recently updated their application and permit fees to closely compare the costs incurred for review and processing. The Arco City Council agreed to update the City fees to match that of the current Butte County building application and permit fees so that there will not be a difference in applying within the City or in the County. Councilman Tessmer made a motion to table any action pending writing a Resolution to adopt the updated fees. The Resolution might be brought forward at the next Council meeting.

Bills – bills in the amount of \$12,347.98 were reviewed and approved for payment.