

# MINUTES

City Council  
City of Arco  
July 22, 2024

In the absence of Mayor Grady Parsons, Council President Ben Tessmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Council members, Bobbie Reese, Amanda Darland, Dany McCurdy, City Clerk Maribel Cahalan, Deputy Clerk Dana Jensen, and Maintenance Supervisor Tony Chisham. Guests included JR Grotjohn, Jeremie E. Pettingill, and Clint Reder from Idaho Department of Transportation, Rebecca Lange, Tom Cammack, Sheriff Dave Hansen, Rosanne Smith, and Donna Murray.

Minutes from July 08, 2024, meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

**Public Comments** – Rosanne Smith asked the Council if they have plans to hold another budget workshop meeting on Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Council President Ben Tessmer stated that there is a meeting scheduled for Friday the 26, that will start at 10:00 am at the City Office.

**ITD discusses Front St/Grand Ave. Intersection and other items** – JR Grotjohn, Jeremie Pettingill, and Clint Reder from Idaho Department of Transportation, District 6, were in attendance to discuss and answer questions about traffic issues. These men came to Arco to take measurements of the much-needed visibility area, at highway sections like Arco's Grand Avenue & Front Street intersection. The City Council asked about the possibilities of a four-way stop, or a flashing stop sign at the Grand Ave. side, or a flashing yellow light, and the possibility of lowering the speed limit on Front Street from 35MPH to 25MPH, as well as flashing crosswalk signals. Mr. Grotjohn asked if the flashing crosswalk signals that the School District requested have been installed yet. No, they have not. Mr. Grotjohn said that he would check the status of that installation. The Councilmembers and the ITD men talked about the possibilities and the coordination to have a traffic study completed for Grand Avenue and Front Street. Mr. Grotjohn said that a study could be started within a week. The results of the study could be ready to share with the City at the Aug. 12 Council meeting. The City Council asked ITD to start the study.

**Tony Chisham to discuss Purchase of Jetter Truck** – Mr. Chisham presented the Council with two options to replace the 1990 Jetter Trailer that the City uses to "jet" city sewer lines. Mr. Chisham asked the Council to consider placing the jetter trailer with a truck that has both a vacuum excavator and jetter capabilities. Also, Mr. Chisham looked into renting a vacuum excavator/jetter truck and found out that the cost per month to rent would be more than the purchase cost of a used vehicle. There are two used vehicles with these capabilities that are available. One is from Ohio and the other one from Oregon. Councilwoman Darland asked how often the City crew uses the jetter truck. Mr. Chisham said that it varies, depending on how often something gets stuck in the sewer system. The City crew might have to jet a sewer line from one to twelve times per month. Council President Tessmer said that he would like to research if the ARPA funds could be used for a vacuum excavator/jetter truck. There are still ARPA funds available to the City. Mr. Tessmer suggested discussing his findings and funding questions at the City budget work meeting on Friday, July 26.

**Open Surplus Bids/Tony Chisham** – Council President Tessmer stated that only one bid envelope was received: from Darland's Skid Steer. Mr. Tessmer opened and reviewed the bid sheet, Mr. Tessmer announced that Darland's bid on six items that the City advertised as surplus. Three out of the six bids met the minimum bid. Bids for a brush mower and two walking sprinklers were a little under the minimum asking bid. After the Councilmembers reviewed the bids, the Councilmembers were satisfied



that the bids were reasonable. Councilman Danny McCurdy made a motion to accept the bids as written. Councilwoman Amanda Darland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Bills** – Councilman McCurdy made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$32,427.01. Motion passed.

**Roundtable** – City Clerk Cahalan informed the Council that an anonymous caller was concerned that the City was not conserving water. The caller stated he observed a broken sprinkler head at the Greenbelt. Mr. Chisham said he was not aware of any broken sprinkler heads but that he will make sure that the Greenbelt sprinklers are inspected again and make any repairs that are needed. Council President Tessmer asked Mr. Chisham if the City crew could cut back to three days a week in line with the residential watering schedule. Mr. Chisham stated that he could make it happen.

Deputy Clerk Jensen praised the awesome work put in by the City crew, and the PCC (Pretty City Committee) volunteers in preparation of Bottolfsen Park for Atomic Days event. Ms. Jensen felt that this year's Atomic Days turned out great.

Also, Deputy Clerk Jensen informed everyone that in response to questions from travelers regarding the availability of Tesla charging adaptors, there is a local parts store that plans to make the adaptors available for sale.

Council President Tessmer said that after looking over the very high total of the power bill on the most recent quarterly budget report, it looks like this was from a propane delivery that was made when the price of propane was very high, and it was a large volume. Mr. Tessmer informed that the City will investigate spreading out deliveries to reduce individual delivery volume.


Council President Tessmer stated that as the City Council reviews the City ordinance on Title 5 and Title 18, the Council may consider combining these two titles and may also align the liquor license renewal dates to match the State Liquor license renewal dates. Also, the City has not been enforcing the special license ordinance and plans on returning to collect those fees for future events and activities within the City.

Councilwoman Darland said that the City might want to consider closing off street parking along the Atomic Days Parade route for next year's parade. Ms. Darland stated that there were quite a few cars parked on the street close to Bottolfsen Park. Sheriff Hansen added that there was a long line of traffic waiting on the parade this year. Sheriff Hansen said that one driver who was desperate to get to Hailey to be with a sick relative, but there wasn't a way to bypass the parade. Sheriff Hansen asked the Council if they would consider opening the cut-off road on parade day to allow the non-truck traffic to get around the parade. Council President Tessmer wondered if a bypass route could be planned from the north along Sunset Drive to maybe Cannon Road. Or possibly along Delores Street to East Street to the Cemetery. The Council members said they will consider options for 2025.

City Planning & Zoning Chair Rebecca Lange told the Council of five ending actions with the City Planning and Zoning. 1) the City P&Z members took a driving tour of the boundaries of the proposed Arco Area of Impact and requested a working meeting with Butte County Planning and Zoning to negotiate boundaries and discuss rationale for boundaries; 2) an updated form for the City Subdivision Plat applications was completed. Deputy Clerk Jensen advised that the Council previously adopted the Butte County Plat Application fee schedule; 3) the County Planning Administrator advised the Butte County Commissioners need to expand the valuation schedule for building permits in Butte County. Council President Tessmer requested that the City PZ track the County's update and inform the City Clerk when that is completed so that the City fee schedule can be updated; 4) a Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24, 7:00 p.m. at the Butte County Business Center to hear comments on the proposed wording for City Planning and Zoning Ordinance 17.04, which defines the City PZ membership and dues; 5) the next regular City PZ meeting is scheduled for the second Wednesday in

August, the 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the City Office. The City PZ hopes to schedule a Friday working meeting in August to continue updates to the City Planning Ordinances.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:25 p.m. The next Regular Council meeting will be held on August 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Office.

  
Grady Parsons, Arco Mayor

  
Maribel Cahalan, City Clerk