

# MINUTES

City Council  
City of Arco  
April 08, 2024

Mayor Grady Parsons called the regular meeting to order for Monday, April 08, at 7:00 p.m. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Council President Ben Tessmer, Council members Bobbie Reese, Danny McCurdy, Amanda Darland, City Clerk Maribel Cahalan, Deputy Clerk Dana Jensen, Assistant Deputy Clerk KC Thacker, and Maintenance Supervisor Tony Chisham. Guests were Tom Cammack, Rebecca Lange, Rosanne Smith, Richard Dean, Taci Stoddard, Kyle Redman, and Danny Siler. Appearing via Zoom was Camille Miller.

Minutes from the March 25 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Public Comment** – No one signed up for public comment.

**Kyle Redman/ATC** – Councilwoman Reese contacted Mr. Redman and asked him to present options and cost estimates for security cameras for city facilities. Such as for the City office, parks, maintenance shop, among others. Mr. Redman said that there are some city facilities that already have Internet connectivity, but there are several locations that would need to have Internet installed to share and record data from the cameras. Locations without an existing Internet box could be set up to transmit camera data to the nearest Internet connection. Transmitted data would have lower resolution, but it is possible.

The City has the choice to add Internet boxes wherever it's needed. The available options include purchasing the camera equipment, or a lease camera option with monthly lease payments. The lease option includes maintenance repair. Available are 12-month, 24-month, or 36-month lease agreements.

Third and fourth options include a LAN network with either the purchase or lease of camera equipment. Higher resolution cameras are an option. Mr. Redman recommends the LAN option because only a single Internet box is needed, and it is easier to secure. Also, Installation Techs as well as system support would use local personnel.

Councilwoman Reese thanked Mr. Redman for coming out and for the detailed system layouts and cost information and said that the Council would need a little time to go over all the options and the cost information. Mr. Redman also said other options can be worked out by Council and can be discussed and implemented.

Council President Tessmer suggested that an ATC installation tech meet with city staff to walk each proposed camera location to discuss and plan the needed equipment. Mr. Redman thinks it's a good idea and will coordinate with Mr. Chisham, Maintenance Supervisor. Council President Tessmer suggested tabling any action until the numbers and locations of the cameras are finalized.

**Dan Siler – discuss metal recycling bin** – Mr. Siler previously asked the City Council about possibly putting a metal recycling bin within the City so that residents could drop off recycling metals. Mr. Siler said that due to the misuse of Siler's metal recycling bin in MacKay and the high cost to purchase new bins to install in Arco, Mr. Siler said that at this time, placing a metal recycling bin in a center location within the City of Arco is not feasible. Council President Tessmer asked Mr. Siler to inform the Council when he can obtain a metal recycling collection bin that is suited to be placed within the City.

**Forsgren Associates – Letter of Recommendation for Park Bathrooms & Agreement with Manufacture of Park Bathrooms** – Forsgren Engineer – Camille Miller joined the Council meeting via Zoom to inform the Council that Forsgren received only one bid for the restroom facility for the Science Center Park and EV Station. Ms. Miller said that this is a reasonable bid. Ms. Miller and Forsgren Associates recommend accepting the bid described in the letter of recommendation from Forsgren Associates. If the bid is accepted by the City Council, Ms. Miller recommends the Council authorize the Mayor and Forsgren sign the Notice of Award, the contract for manufacture of the restroom facility, and the Notice to Proceed, which would then be forwarded to Mountain West Precast, as the bidder. Council members looked over the bid and contract documents that were emailed by Ms. Miller for review.

Councilman Danny McCurdy made a motion to award the contract to Mountain west Precast, with a bid price of \$77,849.00, Councilwoman Bobbie Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Also, Ms. Miller provided updates on resumption of seepage testing for the City sewer system. Forsgren will be delivering and setting up equipment to collect more seepage testing data on the City system.

In conclusion, Ms. Millet reminded the Council about the visit to view the wastewater treatment plant at Soda Springs, Idaho. The visit I scheduled for April 19, and will be attended by a Forsgren representative. There will be several Arco Council members and at least two City maintenance staff. Soda Springs facility is close to one of the options that was recommended back in 2023 for the City of Arco to consider replacing and upgrading the older Arco system.

**City of Arco – Proclaim April as Fair Housing Month** – Arco’s Mayor Grady Parsons proclaims April 2024 Fair Housing Month for the City of Arco. 2024 marks the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and is commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act. The Idaho Human Rights Commission has prohibited discrimination in housing since 1969. In the proclamation that Mayor Parsons read, he notes that housing choice and access impacts access to education, access to jobs, and access to health care, among some other things.

**Sign Resolution to Increase Mayor spending Authority** – Before the reading of City Resolution 2024-01, Council President Tessmer reminded those that were present at the Council working meeting that was organized to review and to make recommendations on the Mayor’s authorized spending limit without the need to bring each item before the Council.

The current spending limit on the Mayor’s authority is \$2,500. Resolution 2024-01, is to be effective immediately, increasing the Mayor’s spending authority to \$5,000. Council President Tessmer made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01. Motion passed.

**Maintenance Supervisor Tony Chisham – Dust Abatement Chemical approval** – Mr. Chisham had updates on prices for cost effective dust abatement treatment. Though prices have gone up since the last discussion, mainly due to the increase of freight/delivery and fuel costs. Mr. Chisham and the Council plan on purchasing a volume of treatment concentrate for spring application as well as at least one more treatment in the summer.

After Council reviewed the purchase price and information, Councilwoman Darland made a motion to approve the purchase of the dust abatement treatment solution in the amount of \$19,802.78, Councilwoman Reese second the motion. Motion passed.

**Maintenance Supervisor Tony Chisham – Parts needed for Water Truck to be approved** – Mr. Chisham presented the Council with purchase details for parts and supplies to finish the operational set up for the sprayer tank truck that the City plans to use to apply the dust abatement treatment. Council President Tessmer made a motion to approve the purchase of parts needed to complete the sprayer tank set-up in the amount of \$1,287.82. Motion passed.

**Bills** – bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$20,512.02.

**Roundtable** – Deputy Clerk Jensen informed the Council that Fire Chief Dan Koste came in to tell the City that the Fire Department did not receive the Grant money for the new radios.

Council President Tessmer reminded Council members about the Butte County Planning & Zoning Public Hearing this Thursday, April 11, to present the proposed map for the City of Arco Area of Impact for the recently adopted Butte County Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, to public input, changes to the Idaho Code 67-6509, this may limit the Area of Impact to one mile from the City limits. Apparently, this will only affect the northwest corner of the Area of Impact proposed by the City and County.

April 12, at 11 a.m., will be the next City Council meeting to work on updating City ordinances to match the new Arco Comprehensive Plan.

April 19, Mayor Parsons Council President Tessmer and City Maintenance Supervisor Chisham and Maintenance Lead Snyder made plans to visit the wastewater treatment plant in Soda Springs, Idaho. Soda Springs treatment facility is like the one that was recommended to the City of Arco in the Facility Plan that was completed in 2023.

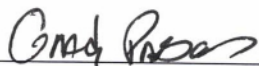
Council President Tessmer asked Council members to plan dates for additional work meetings to update City ordinances. April 26 and possibly May 17 were agreed upon. Both meetings would start at 11 a.m. at the City Office.

Councilwoman Reese shared with everyone about a recently filmed PBS special about rural medical centers that was released today. Councilwoman Reese wanted to know if a link to the PBS special can be put on the City website. Deputy Clerk Jensen said she will attempt to create the link. City Clerk Cahalan asked Ms. Reese if she could email the link, Ms. Reese said she would be glad to email it to her. Councilwoman Reese reminded the Council members about the fitness class that she teaches once a week at the Senior Center. The Senior Center had to discontinue Meals on Wheels on Friday’s due to not having enough kitchen staff on Friday mornings.

Councilwoman Darland asked if the Council about approaching the County Commission about the need for new radios for the volunteer Fire Department. Since the Fire Department also serves the County, maybe the county can find funds to help with the radio purchase? Council President Tessmer suggested inviting Fire Chief Koste to share in detail the service agreement with the county, but Mr. Tessmer recommended that the Council draft a letter about the issue to send to the Butte County Commissioners.

Councilwoman Darland suggested some kind of recognition or visit to the Veterinary Clinic that has re-opened in the old Veterinary Clinic building, in the interest of promoting new local businesses. Perhaps the local newspaper could run an article to introduce the new owners of the Lone Pine Animal Clinic?

The Council motion to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried. The next Regular Council meeting will be on Monday, April 22, 7:00 p.m. at the City Office.



*Grady Parsons, Mayor*



*Maribel Cahalan, City Clerk*