

MINUTES

City Council
City of Arco
May 28, 2024

The Arco City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, May 28th as Monday, May 27th was Memorial Day Holiday. Mayor Grady Parsons called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Council President Ben Tessmer, Council members, Bobbie Reese, Amanda Darland, and Danny McCurdy; Arco City Clerk Maribel Cahalan, Deputy Clerk Dana Jensen, Assistant Deputy Clerk Kc Thacker, Maintenance Supervisor Tony Chisham and Maintenance Lead Tim Snyder. Guests included Tom Cammack, Rebecca Lange, Kim Sanders, Fire Chief Dan Koste, Amanda Weatherbee and husband Sam Weatherbee.

Minutes from the May 13, 2024, City Council meeting were reviewed and approved.

Public Comments – no one signed up for public comments.

Opening Bid for the City Hay Cutting– there was only one bid received. Mayor and Council reviewed the bid, Council President Tessmer made a motion to accept the bid received from Richard Reynolds. The motion was seconded by Councilman McCurdy and approve.

The Council to Consider Commercial Garbage Rate Changes – the Council considered a review and summary of the existing commercial garbage rates within the City that Council President Tessmer prepared. Mr. Tessmer summed up the review process that he took on and the recommended rate changes level off commercial garbage pickup rates for all commercial clients. Mr. Tessmer presented four options for rate changes that are based upon the number of dumpsters or cans used by businesses. Also, Mr. Tessmer stated that pretty soon the County Landfill operations will change to three days a week. To adjust to a three-day garbage collection schedule, Mr. Tessmer proposed splitting up the commercial pickups into three sections within the City that correlates with the three collection sections that is used for residential trash pickup. Commercial users can choose one-, two-, or three-day pickups per week. Now that the Council has presented choices for commercial rate changes, the City will notify all current commercial users of the proposed rates changes and will schedule a Public Hearing that is set for June 24th so that comments from commercial users and the general public can make their comments. Be on the lookout for the Public Hearing notice posting at the City Office, Post Office and in the local paper.

Planning and Zoning Commission Appointments – Mayor Parsons nominated city residents Rebecca Lange, Kim Sanders and Amanda Weatherbee for a newly re-established City Planning and Zoning Commission. Council President Tessmer asked the Council members if the had any questions they might have for theses nominees. There were two questions asked of all the nominees; 1) has each nominee been a resident of the City for the last two years, and 2) are there any conflicts of interest that they might have or be aware of. All nominees attested that they have been residents of the City for two years or more and they are not aware of any conflicts of interest. Council President Tessmer proceeded to make a motion to confirm the Mayor's P&Z appointees. The motion passed.

City Clerk Maribel Cahalan conducted the swearing in of each of the new P&Z appointees. Mayor Parsons declared that P&Z Lange would serve a six-year appointment, while P&Z members Sanders and Weatherbee would serve three-year appointments. Each would be eligible for the following six-year appointment.

Approve Special Business License Application – Owner of Ral Deal Smoke House food truck applied for a City business license to be set up at SJ's Café location for the summer. After some discussion and consideration by the Council of City Ordinance 18.12, it was determined that the license fee for a non-resident applicant is \$250

to operate from May 1 to April 30, and that a Fire Marshall inspection and certification as well as other required permits need to be verified. Council President Tessmer made a motion to approve the Special Business License subject to verification of Fire Marshall inspection. Permit will run until April 30, 2025. The motion passed.

Bills – Councilman McCurdy made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$13,003.88. Motion passed.

Roundtable – Assistant Deputy Clerk Thacker asked the Council about a permit application from Family Dollar for temporary signs to be placed in front of the store for a special event. Council President Tessmer reminded everyone that the City Ordinance, 17.52.030B, states that “No sign shall employ any parts or elements which revolve, spin, swirl, rotate or otherwise make use off motion to attract attention.” As stated in the ordinance, these restrictions are intended to reduce sign or advertising distractions and obstructions that may contribute to traffic accidents, or other hazard incidents to the public. Ms. Thacker will inform the applicant.

Mayor Parsons told the Council that the City hired a few summer seasonal staff to help with the summer upkeep of the City. Mayor Parsons also mentioned that he has been in contact with an engineering consultant who’s willing to visit with the Council to provide information with grant processing for roads projects.

Council President Tessmer suggested that Council schedule a work meeting for a mid-year budget review to look at the proposed road work expenses and how it fits with the remaining money in the budget. Council members all agreed to meet on June 7th at 9 a.m. to work on both budget review and to continue drafting the ordinance updates.

Councilman McCurdy said he was asked by a person interested in the process of obtaining a temporary City liquor license for a booth in the park for the Fourth of July. Mr. Tessmer stated that an application for a Special Business License would need to be submitted for review, before approval.

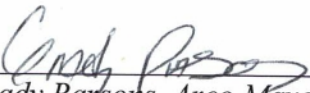
Councilwoman Reese said she received comments about the poor state of the Hillcrest Cemetery. Other Council members informed her that questions and concerns related to the Cemetery need to go to the Cemetery District Board.

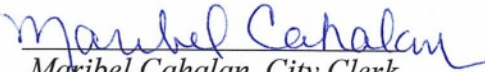
Ms. Reese shared a list and recommendations that were received from Chad Cheyney regarding information requested about the types of trees that are best suited for the Greenbelt. Ms. Reese said that there are many considerations, but most importantly will be a water supply system to support new trees.

Councilwoman Darland shared a story about people camping out at a house that is being renovated. Ms. Darland stressed that everyone should lock their doors and keep a close eye on their property as well as their neighbors. Ms. Reese said that late night cruisers are also a concern on City and County roads.

Maintenance Lead Snyder informed Council about the discussion with Butte County Commissioners on a plan to obtain a smaller, but more versatile tractor for use at the City & County Airport. The proposal is in the beginning stages. Mr. Snyder said that he will keep the Council updated as more details of a workable, least-cost solution are worked out.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn was made at 7:59 p.m. The next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, June 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Office.


Grady Parsons, Arco Mayor


Maribel Cahalan, City Clerk