

# MINUTES

City Council  
City of Arco  
June 24, 2024

The City of Arco Council met for the regular meeting at the BBC at 6:30 p.m. to accommodate the commercial garbage rate meeting that followed.

Mayor Grady Parsons called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were Council President Ben Tessmer, Council members, Bobbie Reese, Amanda Darland, Dany McCurdy, Arco City Clerk Maribel Cahalan, Deputy Clerk Dana Jensen, and Maintenance Supervisor Tony Chisham. Guests included Tom Cammack, Kirsten Bingham, Erv Grafwallner, Christy McCurdy, Carol Lee McCurdy, Rosanne Smith, Stephanie Perry, Bob and Debbie Burtrum.

Minutes from June 10, 2024, meeting was approved.

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

**Erv Grafwallner – questions and concerns on ordinances, Zoning Map & Properties** – Mr.

Grafwallner came with photos and concerns over a few properties close to his that are condemnable, according to Erv. Erv emphasized how the City has ordinances but no code enforcement officer to make sure that the codes are being followed. As a former member of Planning & Zoning, Erv expressed his concerns new signs throughout the community were put up without approval that maybe should not have been approved. Erv wants to make sure properties that have been changed zones get documented properly. Erv finished his comments by saying that he is not impressed with who the City is at this time using for city planning and that the projects of our airport and sewer system have been money pits.

**Tony Chisham/Arco Maintenance Supervisor/ Surplus Items to be approved for Resale** – Mr. Chisham gave the Council a list of surplus items that Tony believes will be sold to help with the budget. The Council approved to have it ran in the Arco Advertiser for two weeks, then a public auction to follow for the items that do not sell.

**Tony Chisham/Arco Maintenance Supervisor/order Chlorine for the Sewer Plant** – Tony presented to the Council the need for more chlorine to be ordered to keep the sewer plant running properly. Tony asked the Council to approve the purchase of 6 pallets that he will order on An as needed basis. This way Tony doesn't have to go before the Council for approval on each pallet needed. The Council approved Tony to purchase the 6 pallets of chlorine as it is needed.

**Approval of Special Business Licenses** – there were two applications submitted for approval. The first one was for Flower Works to sell Fire Works for the Fourth of July, located at the Lost River Drive-Inn and the second one was for Mountain View RV Park to sell food at Bottolfsen Park during Atomic Days. Owner of Mountain View RV Park, Stephnie Perry, asked the sell of alcohol as well. Council President Tessmer told Ms. Perry that he would like to meet with Shelly Blackner of the Pretty City Committee to discuss the pro and cons of the sale of alcohol at the park during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July as well as Atomic Days weekends.

**Approval for 50% down on Precast Restroom Building** – approval of 50% down for the Precast Restroom Building that will be located near the Science Center was up next. The City of arco received a grant this May in the amount of \$36,225 to cover the cost. Councilwoman Bobbie Reese motioned for the 50 % deposit to be paid, Councilman Danny McCurdy second the motion. Motion passed.

**Bills** – Councilman McCurdy made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$3,697.12. Motion passed.

**Roundtable** – Council president Tessmer recommended that the City run an ad in the paper seeking a code enforcement officer, that was approved. Councilwoman Amanda Darland talked about a few topics that were brought up to her as Ms. Darland was out and about town. Ms. Darland wanted to make clear about the Science Center’s renovations are because of a grant we received to take care of that area, that is not in place of fixing the roads. Ms. Darland suggested that we look into a tourism tax. Ms. Darland indicated that a lot of the Mackay community at first were against the idea but then it has tremendously benefited their communities. It has improved the quality of life for the residents by taxing the tourists. The Councilmembers agreed to add it to the next agenda so that people can start investigating on their own. Mr. Tessmer stressed that as one of the Council, they need to be proactive in our city planning, and not reactive. Mr. Tessmer hopes to come up with solutions instead of just “putting out fires” altogether.

Motion to adjourn the Regular meeting was made by Danny McCurdy at 7:09 p.m. Motion passed.

The Council meeting was followed by a **Public Informational Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. to discuss **Commercial Garbage Rates**.

Council President Ben Tessmer made a presentation for the Council as well as those in attendance, which are as follows; John Danz, owner of Pickles Place and Nathan Hjelm, owner of Nathan’s Service Center, INC. as well as those who attended the Regular meeting voiced their concerns about having the dumpsters dumped less because the trash piles up at their businesses. Mr. Tessmer said this is what might be needed if the dump goes to three days a week dumping schedule. Mr. Tessmer emphasized that businesses have different needs, so his goal is to be able to meet their needs while successfully running the city system. If the City is able to divide the commercial dumping to coincide with residential dumping, it will help save on labor and fuel.

Rosanne Smith asked Council President Tessmer if the dumpsters are mandate. Mr. Tessmer said that this meeting was just an informational meeting, and he will look at this more to determine if we need Public hearing to discuss rate structures.

**Adjournment:** Council President Ben Tessmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m., motion passed. The next regular Council meeting will be held on July 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Office.

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*Grady Parsons, Arco Mayor*

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*Maribel Cahalan, City Clerk*