



CITY OF ARCHER

CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 8, 2025, Time: 6:00 PM

Mayor: Fletcher Hope

Vice-Mayor:

Iris Bailey

Commissioners

Kathy Penny

Marilyn Green

Karen Fiore

Interim City Manager

John Martin

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Call to Order at 6:31pm:

Mayor Fletcher
Hope

: Quorum Present:

Mayor
Vice Mayor
Commissioners

Fletcher Hope
Iris Bailey
Marilyn Green
Kathy Penny
Karen Fiore

Staff:

City Manager
City Attorney
Interim City
Manager

Scott Walker
Deanna Alltop
(Absent)

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA Item 4 added Discuss issue that happened at Public Works Yard / Item 5 added update on Interim City Manager hiring

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

VM Baily motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Green. No public comment/ Motion Carried: 5-0

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Consent agenda: Commissioner Fiore raised questions about bill payments on consent agenda

There were comments from Gene Arnold, Laurie Costello, Joni White, Bill Lewandowski, Unnamed Citizen, Roberta Lopez,

Consent agenda Adopted by a 5-0 vote Motion by Commissioner Green Seconded by VM Baily

Public Announcements

Toy Drive was announced / VM Baily made a motion to support the drive with the use of City facilities contingent on completed application, Seconded by Commissioner Penny Motion passed 5-0

Lizzie Jenkins made several announcements about local activities

I. Citizen Comment

Bill Lewandowski asks questions about Concrete Batch Plant / Responded to by Atty Walker

Laurie Costello asks staffing issues / Gene Arnold praised the Christmas Lights and employee bonuses

Roberta Lopez complained about the condition of Park bathrooms

Holiday Calendar announced by Mayor Hope

Agenda Item 1

II. Old Business

Water Rates Increase

Motion made by VM Baily to approve, Second by Commissioner Green

Citizen Comment: Bill Lewandowski,

Motion passed 4-1 / Commissioner Fiore in dissent

Solid Waste rate Increase

VM Baily motioned to approve, Second by Commissioner Green

Citizen Comment: None

Motion passed 5-0

Discussion on Bethlehem Church letter concerning surplus property.

Atty Walker gave report: advised appraisal to be done on property

Discussion by Commission / comments by Church representatives

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Discussion on Bethlehem Church letter concerning surplus property continued
Citizen Comment: Unnamed Citizen, Gene Arnold, Bill Lewandowski, Joni White, Unnamed Citizen, Roberta Lopez

III. New Business

License agreement between Archer and Alachua County Supervisor of Elections for Polling Place

VM Baily motioned to approve, Second by Commissioner Green

Mayor Hope asked if the Archer City election was included. / Commission agreed to include the City election in the motion

Citizen Comment: Gene Arnold, Joni White, Bill Lewandowski,

Motion passed 5-0

Agreement for renewal of Deanna Alltop as Interim City Manager

VM Baily motioned to approve, Second by Commissioner Green

Commissioner Fiore asked a question about how FMLA issues tie into continuing the contract / VM Baily voiced support for continuing Ms. Alltop to work remotely pending further information

Citizen Comment: Joni White, Laurie Costello, Gene Arnold, Ann Green, Unnamed Citizen, Roberta Lopez, Bill Lewandowski,

Motion was amended by consent to add language that said the contract would go to a time certain our when ever Permanent Part Time City Manger is hired.

Citizen Comment: Roberta Lopez, Laurie Costello, Joni White, Bill Lewandowski,

Motion passed 4-1 / Commissioner Fiore in dissent

Commissioner Fiore made a motion to hire Bill Lewandowski as Interim City Manager effective immediately until a Permanent Part Time City Manager is hired. Motion died for lack of second.

Commissioner Fiore made a second motion to hire Bill Lewandowski as Interim City Manager effective immediately until a Permanent Part Time City Manager is hired once he passes a background check. Motion died for lack of second.

Added Agenda items

Incident at Public Works facility

VM Baily wanted clarification from City Atty about the Issue of a Commissioner going to the Public Works facility without approval of the City Manager. Discussion between the Commission and the City Atty ensued. No Action was taken

Update on Permanent Part Time Manager search

City Atty advised the vetting was underway and he would get the information to the Commission ASAP

City Manger Report / None

City Atty Report / Ethics Training announced / There was an update on grants the City has received. / Update on JLAC Committee.

VM Baily motioned to extend the meeting, Second by Commissioner Green / Motion passed 5-0

Commission Reports

Commissioner Green / Confirmed that there will be a Special meeting of the Commission on 12/15/25

Commissioner Penny / No report

VM Baily / She is meeting with the FL League of Mayors

Mayor Fletcher

Commissioner Fiore / Ask questions about bonuses / Ask about I-9 Forms / Ask about adding items to financial information to the Commission / Ask about Bank Reconciliations

Citizen Comment: Roberta Lopez, Laurie Costello, Ann Green, Joni White, Charles Stephano
Unnamed Citizen, Bill Lewandowski,

Meeting adjourned

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