COUNCIL MINUTES
September 21, 2026

The Archbold Village Council met in regular session on Monday, September 21st, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers with the following members present: Gary Dominique, Mike Evans, Kevin Eicher, Aaron Babcock, Chad Kern and Karla Ball. Mayor Brad Grime opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent prayer and presided thereat.

There being no corrections to the minutes of the September 8, 2026, Council meeting, Mike Evans moved to approve, seconded by Gary Dominique.

Roll: Yeas: Eicher, Babcock, Kern, Ball, Dominique, Evans
Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Following a review of the list of bills and payroll totaling $497,177.43, Karla Ball moved to approve, seconded by Chad Kern.

Roll: Yeas: Dominique, Evans, Eicher, Babcock, Kern, Ball
Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Grime then provided a FIRST READING on the following items of legislation:

ORDINANCE 2026-32: First Reading **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A WATER RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE WITH THE JANUARY 1ST, 2027, BILLING/DECEMBER 2026 CONSUMPTION PERIOD**

ORDINANCE 2026-33: First Reading **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A WASTEWATER RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE WITH THE JANUARY 1ST, 2027, BILLING/DECEMBER 2026 CONSUMPTION PERIOD**

Mayor Grime then presented the following item of legislation:

RESOLUTION 2026-34: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE ANNUAL AMENDMENT TO THE INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE VILLAGE OF ARCHBOLD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Kevin Eicher moved to suspend the rule that requires a resolution of general nature to be read on three separate days. Gary Dominique seconded the motion.

Roll: Yeas: Babcock, Kern, Ball, Dominique, Evans, Eicher
Nays: None. Motion carried.

Karla Ball moved to pass Resolution 2026-34, seconded by Chad Kern.

Roll: Yeas: Dominique, Evans, Eicher, Babcock, Kern, Ball
Nays: None. **Resolution 2026-34 passed**.

Council then reviewed and discussed the following Committee, Board & Department Reports:

- Park Committee Work Session Minutes 09-08-2026
- Police & Fire Committee Work Session Minutes 09-08-2026

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Shannon Layfield asked Council about the prospect of adding more protected crosswalks throughout the Village. Administrator Alt responded that crosswalks are currently being discussed with the Street and Engineering Departments. They are researching the effectiveness of solar-powered flashing crosswalks, how to better define intersections for pedestrian crossing, and adding audible crosswalks for the visually impaired.

Village Administrator Aaron Alt presented the following item of **New Business** for Council to discuss:

- **The GAC is cleaned –** Two of the tanks are now emptied and cleaned. Two more are scheduled for cleaning in October. Today, administration spoke with Calgon, our carbon supplier, to hold them accountable for the refired solidification issues.

Mayor and Council comments included Councilman Chad Kern sharing his concerns for safety about cars parked on both sides of the street in some of the neighborhoods. A police officer shared with him pictures of a few streets where an emergency vehicle would not be able to navigate. Kern asked Council to consider limiting parking to one side for the busier, narrow streets such as Murbach. The Police and Street Departments would know which streets could benefit from single-side parking.

There being no further business to discuss, Kevin Eicher moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Aaron Babcock. All agreed; meeting adjourned.

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Council President Mayor

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Clerk