

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Charles Snead called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: Charles R. Snead, Shawn Harley, Erica Partin, Ed Barcus, Robert Byers, Attorney Derek Jones, and Clerk -Treasurer Lisa Mullaney.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS:

Member Barcus nominated Erica Partin for President.

No other nominations were heard.

Member Byers seconded Member Partin for President; motion carried unanimously.

Member Byers nominated Member Barcus for Vice President.

No other nominations were heard.

President Partin seconded; motion carried 3 to 2 with both Members Snead and Harley abstaining.

Both candidates accepted their positions.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN ATTORNEY:

Vice President Barcus motioned to retain Attorney Derek Jones. President Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously. Attorney Jones accepted.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the December 21, 2023, Regular Session. Member Harley moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT –

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones stated he has no response from Mediacom and will reach out to their attorney's.

Attorney Jones presented the new contract for Chuck DeWitt. This contract is for 90 days starting on January 6, 2024. Member Harley motioned to accept the contract with the correction of the pay to \$2,750.00 payable monthly. Vice President Barcus seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones then discussed the pending court case for the Ordinance violation of Louis Boroff's dog defecating on the downtown sidewalk without cleaning it up. Attorney Jones presented the Council with a photo of the dog in the act and Member Harley stated he followed up with Assist. Chief Bowman who stated he personally handed Mrs. Boroff the ticket on the day he wrote it. After discussion Vice President Barcus motioned to allow the violation to proceed in court with no action from the Town Council. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

With no more business to present to the Council, Vice President Barcus motioned to accept the

attorney's report. Member Byers seconded; motioned carried unanimously.

Other Old Business:

None

NEW Business:

2023 Meeting Schedule-

After a short discussion Member Harley motioned to have the Council Meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:00p.m. starting with the February 14th. a Public Workshop to be held at 6pm before each scheduled council meeting. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Utility Clerk-

Member Snead motioned to appoint Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney to this position. Vice President Barcus seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Development Director-

Vice President Barcus motioned to appoint Mark VanDerWeele as Development Director. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Fire Territory Board Member-

Member Byers motioned to appoint Vice President Barcus to the Fire Territory Board. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Department Liaisons -

President Partin stated Vice President Barcus will be liaison to the Plan and Development, President Partin will be liaison to the Utility Dept., Member Snead will be liaison to the Redevelopment Commission. and Member Byers will be liaison to the Park Board. All Members accepted their appointments.

Resolution 2024-01 Power Tracker-

After review Member Snead motioned to accept Resolution 2024-01 as written. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business-

A discussion was held on how to handle Code Enforcement and Ordinance Tickets going forward. After a short discussion the members agreed to a workshop on Jan 17th at 6pm to discuss how to move forward with this.

Authorization of Payment of Budgeted Donations:

Vice President Harley motioned to allow payment of all budgeted donations provided they submit a report on how the entities benefit the Town of Argos. Member Snead seconded; motion carried 4 to 1 with Member Byers abstaining.

CLAIMS

The January 3, 2024, claims which totaled \$52,449.51 Vice President Barcus moved to accept claims

December 20, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Vice President Barcus moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Erica Partin, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer