

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 01, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: President George Null, Members Suzanne Umbaugh, Dylan Colburn, Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney and Attorney Derek Jones. Vice President Dustin Johnson and Member Snead were absent.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the July 18, 2018 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Umbaugh moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Colburn seconded. Motion carried 2 to 1 with President Null abstaining due to being absent.

CITIZEN INPUT –

None

CHUCK DEWITT REPORT-

Mr. Dewitt went over several zoning problems around town. Letters have been sent to all downtown business owners and building owners about various zoning problems. Bethany tabernacle building owners have been informed of their zoning violations and they are working on the problem.

The Culver Tree Commission came and reviewed our trees downtown. They had several suggestions on how we can improve the trees downtown and plant new ones. They have offered to include new trees that are needed in their order this year. This would save money for the town.

Mr. DeWitt also stated that the Folker Tour was a major success and with the Council's approval he would like to talk with the Marshall County Historical Society about having a tour for all the Town employees and officials. The Council was in favor of that and Mr. DeWitt will speak to the Historical Society.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones stated the deed for the Colonial Estates lots was recorded. The utility easements needed for Colonial Estates are being drafted. The easements for Woodland Trail were also recorded.

Attorney Jones also updated the Council on the ordinance for what the Fire Department can charge for is being drafted. He also reviewed the contract that Accu-Med sent for billing for the Fire Department. He stated it appeared to be in order, but a couple of changes will need to be made.

Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the attorney report. Member Colburn seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Board Openings: Plan Commission

Plan Commission still has openings.

Other Old Business:

None

NEW Business:

None

Other New Business:

Chuck DeWitt informed the Council that the Plan Commission, BZA and some Council Members will be working on rewriting the zoning book. It should take around 12 to 14 months.

Mark Umbaugh on behalf of the Police Commission informed the Council that they are recommending a 3% raise for all employees of the Argos Police Department. They would also like to recommend that the \$1000 that each officer receives for code enforcement be added to their salary and not made for code enforcement. Chief Bowman will be the only officer handling code enforcement and they would recommend a \$3000.00 for code enforcement for him. Also, since the police department is now receiving raises based on merit they would recommend that the first-class patrolman's salary be based upon the highest patrolman's salary plus raises every year for retirement purposes only. This would only be reported to the 1977 retirement plan that the police officers use.

Street Closure on Maple St -

Superintendent Lindstrom wanted to let the Council know that for a week starting Aug. 13th parts of Maple St will be closed for crack sealing. Check the town page for updates.

Council Reports:

Member Umbaugh stated that the Folker Tour was a huge success and wanted to thank everyone who was instrumental in helping with it. Member Umbaugh attended a meeting on the IHEDA for low income housing. There will be future meetings to discuss ways to have low income housing built in Marshall County.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the August 1, 2018 claims which totaled \$131,5825.20 Member Colburn moved to accept claims #910 through #977 and Member Colburn seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Colburn moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer

