

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Mark VanDerWeele called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting: President Mark VanDerWeele, Vice President Suzanne Umbaugh, Members George Null, Casie Rowe, Dustin Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones and Town Attorney Derek Jones.

MINUTES

Minutes from the September 2ND Regular Session were submitted for approval. Council Member Rowe moved to accept the minutes as presented and Council Member Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2016 BUDGET

H.J. Umbaugh & Associates representative Eric Walsh presented the Council with projected cash flows and analysis pertaining to the 2016 budget. The Council thanked Mr. Walsh for coming.

MCEDC

Jerry Chavez, MCEDC Director, discussed the annual report and highlighted areas of progress throughout the county.

CITIZEN INPUT

Resident Rick Shafer presented the Council with information and his concerns with the hazardous material tank cars setting near the grain elevator. Mr. Shafer pointed out several key things that need to be asked of the railroad pertaining to the tanks marked with propylene and asked the Council to look into the options we may have for the safety of the residents. Council Member Null and Utilities Superintendent Jim Burroughs will look into the matter and follow up.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Derek Jones asked the Council, if they so choose, to approve the utility easement agreement. Council Member Null moved to accept the agreement and Council Member Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones talked with the Council about the electric service territory located around the Stevens addition and asked for their permission to pursue the issue with IMPA and REMC. Council Member Rowe moved to allow Derek to look into the service territory and Council Member Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Null moved to accept the Attorney Report and Vice President Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Openings- MC Tourism, Maple Grove Cemetery:

No letters of interest this meeting.

Trees & Landscaping:

No decisions were made on the topic.

Front Counter- Clerk's Office:

Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones discussed again that she would like a sliding window installed and the counter widened for better customer service. Utilities Superintendent Burroughs did not have a quote for what he proposed the front counter should look like. After discussion about having the new clerk decide on the window, Council Member Null moved to go with the Patty's proposed sliding window and widened counter for \$800 and Council Member Johnson seconded. The motion failed two to three with VanderWeele, Umbaugh and Rowe opposing.

2016 Salaries:

No decisions were made on the topic.

NEW BUSINESS**Halloween Date & Times:**

Council Member Null moved to have Halloween Trick or Treat time on Saturday, October 31ST between 5pm and 7pm and Council Member Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Utilities- There were no questions for Superintendent Burroughs.

Police Department- There were no questions for Chief Bowman.

Fire Department- Chief Dean was not at this meeting.

EMS- Director Richie Miller was not at this meeting.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Jones read the top five claims which totaled \$238,318.24. The total claim docket was in the amount of \$286,659.85. Council Member Null moved to accept claims 904 through 960 and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board, Council Member Rowe moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Mark VanDerWeele, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer