

**TOWN OF ARGOS
PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

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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.

PUBLIC HEARING INPUT ON 2016 BUDGET

There was no input on the 2016 budget this hearing.

CLOSING OF HEARING

President VanDerWeele closed the public hearing at 7:35 PM.

Mark VanDerWeele, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

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MINUTES

Minutes from the September 16TH 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.

MCEDC

Jerry Chavez, MCEDC Director, talked with the Council about the progress of the incentive policy to attract prospective businesses to Argos' development property. Mr. Chavez will meet individually with board members to review the policy.

ARGOS SCHOOLS

Argos Community Schools Superintendent Michele Riise and Park Board President Ed Barcus spoke about the town and the school having a joint meeting to discuss pooling resources that could have a positive impact on budgetary needs. The Council agreed to the meeting and Mrs. Riise will get back with the Council on a date and time.

CITIZEN INPUT

Local investor Chris VanDuyne presented the Council with information pertaining downtown vacant property going up for auction October 27TH.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Derek Jones reported that he has a meeting set with REMC and their attorney on October 13TH to discuss service territory issues.

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

Board Openings- MC Tourism, Maple Grove Cemetery:

No letters of interest this meeting.

Roll-Off Dumpster:

The Council agreed to have a roll-off dumpster delivered by Allied Waste for residents of Argos to dispose of building materials from October 16TH through October 26TH. Utilities Superintendent Jim Burroughs will call to make the arrangements.

Railroad Car Issue Update:

Council Member Null talked to a railroad contact and was told that the rail cars were empty with only residual chemicals and that they have been looking for another location to move them to.

Green Summit Cemetery Marker Update:

The Lions Club have placed a marker at the site. Robert Luce said that he was waiting on prices for a marker that can list all of the names of the deceased.

Electric Department Truck:

Utilities Superintendent Jim Burroughs submitted quotes to replace the 1999 Dodge Ram which had been having maintenance and reliability issues for several years. The quote from Oliver Ford was for a 2015 Ford F250 Super Cab for \$29,314 and a quote from Country Auto for a 2016 Dodge Ram 2500 Crew Cab for \$30,876. Mr. Burroughs recommended the Dodge due to it being a 2016 for the price. After discussion, Vice President Umbaugh moved to purchase the Dodge Ram from Country Auto and Council Member Rowe seconded. The vote carried four to one with Council Member Null opposing.

Downtown Activities:

Robert Luce gave the Council an update about some activities planned for downtown businesses during October including handing out candy on Halloween.

NEW BUSINESS**Ordinance 2015-9/ 2016 Budget:**

Council Member Rowe moved to accept Ordinance 2015-9 for the 2016 budget on the first reading and Vice President Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried four to one with Council Member Null abstaining due to statutory requirements.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Jones read the top five claims which totaled \$113,390.88 and represented 71% of the total docket. The total claim docket was in the amount of \$159,317.30. Council Member Null moved to accept claims 961 through 1032 and Council Member Johnson 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 Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Mark VanDerWeele, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer