

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
PUBLIC HEARING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Mark VanDerWeele called the meeting to order at 7:16PM.

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 FARM LEASE

Town Attorney Derek Jones discussed the farm lease he presented to the Council. Once the Council approves the specifications for leasing the property by resolution, bids will be opened at the December 18<sup>TH</sup> meeting.

There were no questions from the public.

CLOSING OF HEARING

President VanDerWeele closed the public hearing at 7:19 PM.

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Mark VanDerWeele, President

ATTEST:

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Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
PUBLIC HEARING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Mark VanDerWeele called the meeting to order at 7:33PM.

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 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Clerk-Treasurer Jones explained that the additional appropriations were for the General Fund in the amount of \$15,000 to pay for the property purchase behind the old Speedway gas station in the amount of \$8,000 and to cover additional expenses out of the Town Council budget for things such as an employee dinner.

CLOSING OF HEARING

President VanDerWeele closed the public hearing at 7:34 PM.

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Mark VanDerWeele, President

ATTEST:

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Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Mark VanDerWeele called the meeting to order at 7:34 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 November 4<sup>TH</sup> Regular Session were submitted for approval. Council Member Null moved to accept the minutes and Council Member Johnson seconded. The motion carried four to one with Council Member Rowe abstaining.

MCEDC

Jerry Chavez from MCEDC discussed the incentive policy for the Town of Argos to offer interested businesses for the town owned development land. After a brief discussion it was decided that the Council would meet in a workshop to review the policy.

CITIZEN INPUT

No citizen input this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

**Attorney Report:**

Attorney Derek Jones reported that a letter to the IRC was sent pertaining to the electric service territory.

Also, employees Jamie Lindstrom and Jim Burroughs submitted their appraisals for the town owned property located on the corner of Broadway Street and West Street to be considered for sale by the Council. The appraisals were \$3,500 and \$4,000. The average of the two is \$3,750. Attorney Jones is working with Jim Burroughs on a utility easement. Council Member Rowe moved to sell the property and accept bids and Vice President Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

**Water Bonds:**

Attorney Jones explained that he has been working with Eric Walsh from H.J. Umbaugh & Associates and Pattie Zelmer from Ice Miller and should have an ordinance prepared for the December 2<sup>ND</sup> meeting. The town has received the payoff amount from the USDA to be paid on December 18<sup>TH</sup>.

**Board Openings/ MC Tourism Board and Cemetery Board:**

No letters of interest this meeting. Ruth Milliser accepted the School Crossing Guard position and resigned her seat on the Argos Metropolitan Police Commission.

**Ordinance 2015-11/ 2016 Salary Ordinance:**

After a brief discussion the Council agreed to table the issue and hold a workshop on salaries. The workshop date will be determined later.

**Ordinance 2015-12/ 2016 Paid Holidays:**

No action was taken on the ordinance and will be discussed at the salary workshop.

**Other Old Business:**

Vice President Umbaugh noted for future reference that the total cost for the town to rent the roll off dumpster was \$1,003.81.

Jim Burroughs made the recommendation to mark two off street parking spots on Williams Street in front of the apartments that the Mangus' own. Attorney Jones will review the parking ordinance.

**NEW BUSINESS****Town Council Election Tie Breaking Vote:**

Derek Jones reviewed the letter from the Marshall County Election Board explaining that the tie vote of 121 between incumbent Democrat Dustin Johnson and Republican opponent Randy Snead must be broken by the Town Council. Attorney Jones said that the statute doesn't specify the manner in which the vote must be taken just that Dustin will not be able to participate. Vice President Umbaugh moved to vote on a paper ballot and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried with Council Member Johnson abstaining. Attorney Jones revealed the vote count with three for Dustin Johnson and one for Randy Snead.

**Ordinance 2015-13/ Housing Fund Abolishment:**

Council Member Null moved to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2015-13 on all three readings and Council Member Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2015-12/ Additional Appropriations:**

Council Member Null moved to pass Resolution 2015-12 approving \$15,000 in additional appropriations for the General Fund and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2015-13/ Farm Lease:**

Council Member Null moved to pass Resolution 2015-13 approving the farm lease specifications and Vice President Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Other New Business:**

Vice President Umbaugh presented the Council with a quote of \$1,450 for an employee Christmas dinner at J's Pub. The dinner is for up to 50 people and includes the choice of prime rib or chicken parmesan. Council Member Null moved to approve the dinner at J's Pub and Vice President Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Null made the motion to allow up to \$1,000 for a dinner for the Fire and EMS volunteers and Council Member Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Utilities:** There were no questions for Utilities Superintendent Jim Burroughs.

**Police Department:** Police Chief Corey Bowman was not present at the meeting.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Mark Dean was not present at the meeting.

**EMS Department:** EMS Director Rich Miller was not present at this meeting.

**CLAIMS**

Clerk-Treasurer Jones read the top five claims which totaled \$235,376.11 and represented 81% of the total docket. The claim docket total was \$288,305.52. Council Member Johnson moved to accept claims 1139 through 1196 and Council Member Null 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 8:16 PM.

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Mark VanDerWeele, President

ATTEST:

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Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer