

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 3, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Dustin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

Minutes from the April 19- 2017 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the minutes and Member Snead seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT –

Ed Barcus – President of the Park Board stated he was aware of a discussion of who was going to mow the grass at Colonial Estates. The Park does not have the manpower to include that in the mowing costs. The Town Council responded by saying that they were currently looking for outside bids and the Park would not be asked to mow it.

Vice President Null mentioned the Argos Fire Department Fish Fry on May 13th from 4pm thru 7 pm. Carol Arnett mentioned the Argos Library book and plant sale this Saturday from 8 am – 1 pm, Argos United Methodist Church was having their Children’s Resale on Saturday also. Argos Lions Club is selling Port-A-Pit at 1st Source Bank and Dollar General on Saturday.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones presented a letter from Julie Fox at the Marshall County Auditor’s office stating the Marshall County Commissioners voted to appoint Ray Trump to the Argos Plan Commission and carry our Mr. Don Mahoney’s term till January 1,2018. Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney will administer his oath when he is available.

As discussed in the previous meeting Attorney Jones is waiting on a report from Marshall County Building Commissioner Chuck DeWitt, for property located at 405 S. Michigan St. A letter regarding the unsafe building codes will be issued after the report is submitted.

Attorney Jones received an email from Curt DeVoe asking if the Town Council would pursue the Covenants attached to the Argos Industrial Park from 1976. After discussion Member Snead motioned for the Town not to pursue the Covenants of 1976. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones then brought before the Council the Colonial Estates property and how to sell it. If the Town retains ownership the lots would have to be bid out. If the Council votes to give the lots to the Redevelopment Commission then a Resolution would have to be signed by the Commission to accept the lots and one from the Town Council relinquishing the property to the Commission. After a discussion on how much money the Town Council would like to get back from the sale of the lots, they all agreed to a 50% split between the Redevelopment Commission and Town Council. Vice President Null motioned to deed the lots to the Redevelopment Commission and split all proceeds 50%. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the Attorney report. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Board Openings/ MC Tourism, Cemetery Board, BZA and Plan Commission:

Openings still available for the MC Tourism and Park Board. President Johnson brought forth a letter of resignation Nicole Stevens from Park Board.

EMS Building

Member Snead talked about getting bids for the EMS building and also maybe adding 25' to the bay area. This could potentially cost an additional \$40,000.00. Member Umbaugh stated she did not think we need to spend the additional funds at this time, maybe in two years. After a discussion and input from some citizens, the matter was tabled till the next meeting when a bid sheet for the work involved could be presented.

Tablets for Council Members:

President Johnson stated the Council could purchase tablets for around \$400 to \$600 a piece for each member of the Council. Member Umbaugh stated she thought if the members wanted tablets they should purchase their own. After a discussion, Vice President Null made a motion to buy tablets for the Council Members. Member Snead seconded, motion carried 3 to 1 with Member Umbaugh opposing.

Ordinance 2017-9 – Water Ordinance:

This Ordinance was read at the last meeting. Member Umbaugh motioned to pass on second and third readings. Vice President Null seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Other Old Business:

Vice President Null asked if all Council Members had read over the plan presented by a not for profit to help with the downtown revitalization. After a discussion, it was tabled till the next meeting to give all members a chance to look it over.

NEW Business:

Flowers for Planters around Town and Community Garden:

After a small discussion, Member Umbaugh motioned to allow a \$1,200.00 budget for both the planters and the garden. Vice President Null seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

Council Member Reports –

Member Umbaugh and President Johnson gave a monthly report of the various activities they did such as meetings, emails and phone calls on behalf of the Town.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the May 03, 2017 claims which totaled \$255,512.56. Member Umbaugh moved to accept claims #463 through #516 and Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Vice President Null moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:41p.m.

Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer

