

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President Dustin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**MINUTES:**

Minutes from the November 18, 2017 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Snead motioned to accept the minutes with one wording change. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN INPUT –**

Carol Arnett stated the American Red Cross Blood Drive was a success and don't forget the cookie walk and Santa at the Library on Saturday.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Attorney Report:**

Attorney Jones had the Council and Clerk/Treasurer sign new Nepotism policies for the next year and give them to President Johnson.

Attorney Jones then presented the Council with Resolution 2017-13 Tax Certificates for property that is behind in their taxes. Marshall County already passed their Resolution giving the tax certificates to the Town of Argos. Vice President Null motioned to accept the resolution as written. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried 3 to 1 with Member Snead abstaining. With the resolution passed Attorney Jones is recusing himself from any further action with this tax certificates as he has represented the owners. Attorney Jones stated he spoke with Attorney Adam Lukenbill about representing the Town of Argos in this legal matter. Vice President Null made a motion to proceed getting a quote from Attorney Lukenbill to represent the Town of Argos in this legal matter. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried 3 to 1 with Member Snead abstaining.

Next Attorney Jones stated that he was preparing a Assignment of Lease Rights for the MCEDC to sign allowing the Town of Argos to lease approximately 17 acres of land that is suppose to be deeded back to the Town of Argos after a survey is completed at the Dewey St industrial park. This will allow the Town of Argos to lease approximately 60 acres of land for farming next year. Attorney Jones will start the procedure for leasing the ground starting with a public hearing on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. for consideration of specifications for the 2018 Farm Lease. Then the Council will pass a resolution, then start accepting public bids. The new farm lease should start Feb. 1, 2018. Member Snead motioned to allow Attorney Jones to draft the Assignment of Lease Rights and start the process to lease the farm ground. Vice President Null seconded, motion carried unanimously.

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

**Board Openings/ MC Tourism.**

Openings still available for the MC Tourism, Plan Commission and the Park Board.

Three letters have been received for the Park Board opening. President Johnson stated that the Council would decide at the next Council meeting on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Other Old Business:**

None

**NEW Business:**

**Ordinance 2017-25 – 2018 Salary Ordinance –**

After review Member Snead motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2017-25 on all three readings. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance 2017-27 – 2018 Holiday Ordinance-**

After review Vice President Null motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2017-27 on all three readings. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Employee Health Insurance for 2018-**

After review and discussion Vice President Null motioned to accept the IPEP Anthem Plan 1 with the employees paying 10% of the overall premium per month. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Jamie Lindstrom – Utility Projects –**

Superintendent Lindstrom updated the Council on the utility work that needs to be done for the new manufacturing center. Member Snead motioned to order the parts needed and proceed with the work to be done. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Then Superintendent Lindstrom explained about the drainage work the county is helping with for Westview Court. After a discussion about what needs to be done and our role in helping the county complete the work, Vice President Null motioned to allow Superintendent Lindstrom to purchase the supplies necessary to complete this project. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Other New Business:**

None

**CLAIMS**

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the December 6<sup>th</sup> claims which totaled \$386,359.95. Member Umbaugh moved to accept claims #1349 through #1431 and Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business brought before the board Member Snead moved to adjourn the meeting and Vice President Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

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Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer