

**TOWN OF ARGOS
PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Mark VanDerWeele called the meeting to order at 7:20 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.

PUBLIC INPUT

Town Attorney Derek Jones noted for the record that all notifications, publishing and posting requirements have been met for the rezoning process. Also, Mr. Jones explained the purpose of the rezoning and that the Argos Plan Commission passed a resolution accepting the rezoning of described property.

There was no citizen input.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING

Council Member Johnson moved to adjourn the public hearing and Vice President Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Mark VanDerWeele, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

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MINUTES

Minutes from the July 1ST Regular Session were submitted for approval. Council Member Rowe moved to accept the minutes as presented and Council Member Johnson seconded. The motion carried with Council Member Null abstaining.

CITIZEN INPUT

Citizen Val Harley praised Chris VanDuynes and the downtown paint program. Mrs. Harley expressed how thankful she was and that she would like to see the program continue.

Owen Fluckey Thanked Park Board President Ed Barcus for his letter to the editor about the splash pad.

Council President VanDerWeele read aloud the "thank you" from Mr. Barcus and added a special thanks to the town employees for their hard work.

Jane Hall encouraged the council to continue enhancing the downtown.

Mark Umbaugh asked about when the department heads receive their financials. Clerk-Treasurer Jones said that she makes copies whenever she is asked. The last reports were April and May and June reports will be given with budget forms.

Mrs. Romig expressed her concern with standing water in the park and Mr. Barcus discussed a plan of what the Park Board would like to do.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Derek Jones said that the utility easement was sent to attorney Clevenger.

Utilities Superintendent discussed a possible septic issue with the Ruh residence on Marshall Street. Further action may be required.

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

Board Openings- MC Tourism:

No letters of interest this meeting.

Ordinance 2015-6/ 2015 Salary Amendment:

Council Member Null moved to accept Ordinance 2015-6 on the second and third reading and Council Member Dustin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Workshop Schedule:

The Council set the budget workshops for July 20TH and 21ST at 6:30PM.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2015-8/ Rezoning:

Attorney Jones stated for the record that all notifications, publishing and posting requirements have

been met for the rezoning process. Council Member Rowe moved to accept Ordinance 2015-8 on the first reading and Vice President Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2015-7/ Paint Program:

Council Member Null gave an overview of why and how the paint program began. A lengthy discussion ensued between the Council and several citizens over having the Argos Redevelopment Commission take over downtown projects and working on a plan.

Vice President Umbaugh moved to turn the downtown paint program over to the Argos Redevelopment Commission and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried three to two with Council Members Null and Johnson opposing.

Resolution 2015-8/ Awning, Signage & Window Replacement Program:

Council Member Null moved to accept Resolution 2015-8. The motion died due to a lack of a second. Council Member Johnson moved to send this program to the Argos Redevelopment Commission and Vice President Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried four to one with Council Member Null opposing.

Resolution 2015-9/ Power Tracker:

Council Member Null moved to accept Resolution 2015-9 and Council Member Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department Request:

Fire Chief Mark Dean said that the 4-H Fair asked the fire department to wash the trucks at the mud bog in between races as a donation of time and water. There is an available fire hydrant on Pond Street.

Council Member Null moved to allow the donation and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Utilities- No questions for Jim Burroughs.

Police Department- No questions for Chief Corey Bowman.

Fire Department- No questions for Chief Mark Dean.

EMS- Director Rich Miller was not at this meeting.

Council Member Rowe moved to accept the Department Head Reports and Council Member Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Jones read the top five claims for the July 15TH docket totaling \$353,691.33. Those claims represented 75% of the total docket of \$465,875.35. Council Member Rowe moved to accept claims 665 through 743 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 9:51 PM.

Mark VanDerWeele, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer