

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Charles Snead called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: President Charles R. Snead, Vice President Shawn Harley, Members Erica Partin, Ed Barcus, Attorney Derek Jones, and Clerk /Treasurer Lisa Mullaney. Member Gary Schue was absent.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the February 1, 2023, Regular Session were presented for approval. Vice President Harley motioned to accept the minutes as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT –

Citizen Bob Byers inquired about having one large item pick up a month. Council members stated it could be reviewed when the current contract is up. Mr. Byers also stated he is opposed to abolish the park board. Council would address this later in the meeting.

Mr. Steve Guriel and Mr. Al Eisenhower were asking about what the Council's plans are for inspecting rental properties in town. After a discussion, the Council is still in the investigative phase and has no immediate plans in place. The gentlemen are not in favor of this this and would like to be kept informed of any future plans. They represent a landlord association and have no properties in Argos. They made it very clear that they are afraid if Argos starts residential inspections other communities might adopt similar practices.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones stated he has published the public hearing for the Argos Plan Commission to meet March 7th meeting to update the Argos Zoning Ordinance.

Attorney Jones then opened the only bid received for the Maple Grove Cemetery Mowing contract. Premier Turf Solutions submitted a bid for \$22,000.00. Member Barcus motioned to table awarding the bid until the next meeting so the bid can be reviewed. Vice President Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

With no more business to present to the Council, Member Partin motioned to accept the attorney's report. Member Barcus seconded; motioned carried unanimously.

Other Old Business:

President Snead apologized for stating he would like to abolish the park board. He also apologized to the park board members stating they are an important part of this community.

NEW Business:

Park Board Opening-

The park board recommends adding Damon Binkley to the Park Board. After discussion Attorney Jones stated that a waiver might be needed depending on Mr. Binkley's political party. Member Barcus motioned to table the appointment until Attorney Jones has time to review what might be needed. Vice President Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2023-01 Salary Ordinance -

After discussion, Member Barcus motioned to pass Ordinance 2023-01 on the first reading. Vice President Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2023-02 Solar Rate Amendments-

After discussion, Vice President Harley motioned to allow Ordinance 2023-02 to suspend the rules and be passed on all three readings. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously. Then Vice President Harley motioned to accept Ordinance 2023-02 as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

There is an opening on the Redevelopment Commission. If interested submit letter of interest to the Clerk's Office.

Department Head Reports:

Police Dept – Chief Bowman presented his report. The new hire has passed his PERF requirements and is good to start. Chief Bowman presented the Council with a cleanup order from Attorney Post for the Kinsey property on W. Walnut St. Member Barcus motioned to approve the order and have it signed. Vice President Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Utility Dept - Superintendent Lindstrom presented his report. Superintendent Lindstrom presented quotes for new garage doors for the EMS. Member Barcus motioned to accept the bid from Superior Garage Door in the amount of \$10,350.00. Vice President Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Lindstrom then presented quotes for the truck bed of the new water truck. After review Vice President Harley motioned to accept the bid from Terry's Trucking in the amount of \$17,800. Member Barcus seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Lindstrom then presented a quote to do the Parking lot at the PD building. After review, Member Barcus motioned to accept the quote of \$15,840.00 from B&B Contractors. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Development Director - Director VanDerWeele presented his report.

Plan Director - Director DeWitt presented his report.

CLAIMS

The February 13, 2023, claims which totaled \$635,664.57. Vice President Harley moved to accept claims January 17, 2023, through February 13, 2023. Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the Council, Member Barcus moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Charles R. Snead, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer