

**TOWN OF ARGOS – TOWN COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

This meeting is authorized Per IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (2) B. Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened, specifically in writing.

Present for the meeting were President George Null, Vice President Snead, Member Shawn Harley, Attorney Derek Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney and Superintendent Jamie Lindstrom. Nothing else was discussed.

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18,2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Null called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: President George Null, Vice President Charles R. Snead, Shawn Harley, Attorney Derek Jones, and Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney. Members Erica Partin and Angela Resendez were absent.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the August 18, 2021, Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Harley moved to accept the minutes as written. Vice President Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones the closing date for the property located at 103 N. Michigan St. is set for August 27,2021. President of the Argos Redevelopment Commission Paul Stearns will be the one signing for the property.

Attorney Jones gave an update on 210 N. Michigan St. the extension was signed by both properties. 311 West St. the deed for the property has been delivered to the records office and signed agreement sent to Judge Palmer's office. The Mora property on Church St that was let out for bid we received no bids. After a discussion, Vice President Snead motioned to let it out for bids again. Member Shawn Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones then stated that he received a counter offer from the attorney representing OFF Property Development about the building permit that was discussed at the last meeting. Member Harley motioned to reject the counteroffer in its entirety. Vice President Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones then presented the Council with a resolution for the new zoning ordinance from the Plan Commission giving a favorable recommendation for the new zoning ordinance.

With no more business to present to the Council, Member Harley motioned to accept the attorney's report. Vice President Snead seconded; motioned carried unanimously.

Other Old Business:

None.

NEW Business:

Downtown Square Bid Contract Award:

After a discussion, Member Harley motioned to allow President Null to sign the construction agreement with Earth Works, LLC. who was the lowest competitive bidder. Vice President Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance to Adopt New Zoning Ordinance-

After discussion after Member Harley motioned to suspend the rules and accept Ordinance 2021-12 as written. Vice President Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business -

Member Harley would like to convene a sub-committee to review all town employee benefits and handbook. He would like himself, Vice President Snead and Mark VanDerWeele to review all benefits. President Null motioned to allow this sub-committee to evaluate the employee handbook and benefits. Vice President Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Department Head Reports-

All department heads and the Economic Director submitted their reports for review.

Chief Bowman presented his report. He informed the Council of a conditional offer of employment to Gary Spratt.

Superintendent Lindstrom presented his report. He gave updates on several utility projects.

Chief Mark Dean presented his report. He stated the 28th of this month is the fun day at the fire station.

EMS Director Wagers presented his report.

Mark VanDerWeele gave the Economic Development report. Updated the Council on various economic projects.

Plan and Zoning Advisor Chuck DeWitt gave an update on properties with zoning violations around town. He also thanked the Council for passing the new zoning ordinance.

Member Harley motioned to accept the department head reports. Vice President Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

The August 18, 2021 claims which totaled \$466,539.28. Member Harley moved to accept claims August 3, 2021, through August 16, 2021. Vice President Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Vice President Snead moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Harley seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:01P.M.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer