

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17,2022 @ 7:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Charles R. Snead called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

Minutes from the 08/03/2022, Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Partin moved to accept the minutes. Vice President Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Resident Paul Stearns informed the Council that Republic Services did not pick up trash again. He also asked when the Council will do something about the trash service. Attorney Jones stated that we have already sent a letter and can send another but if Republic breaks our contract, we could be weeks without service. The Council will discuss options if it continues.

Resident Gary Schue informed the Council that he finds the vulgar political flags offensive and wondered what the Council could do about it. Attorney Jones stated he looked into this, and they are protected under freedom of speech as long as it is on their property and not on any easement or public right of way. Member Harley stated he would check the locations of the flags in question. Resident Schue also stated he is talking with the Democrat Party to replace a seat on the Council if it comes available.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones informed the Council he is working on the Ordinance to close the West St. railroad crossing.

The Deer Field quick claim deed will be filed this week. This will put all the lots into the Argos Redevelopment Commissions name.

Unsafe Properties:

110 S. Logan St. - Attorney Jones stated that this property is ok except vegetation. Chief Bowman will look into that.

McGowen Property - Attorney Jones stated it had been 30 days since the letter was sent for the owner to clean the property. After talking with Chief Bowman, the property is cleaned up for now. They will readdress as needed.

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

Other Old Business:

None

NEW Business:

None

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Department Head Reports-

Police – Chief Bowman presented his report.

Utilities - Superintendent Lindstrom gave his report.

Economic Director - Mark VanDerWeele gave his report.

Plan Director- Chuck DeWitt gave his report. He also stated there is a property owned by Mr. Lytle that has an addition added to his home. He completed the application for a permit but was never issued. Mr. Dewitt recommended the Council have Attorney Jones start proceedings to have structure removed. Vice President Harley motioned to have Attorney Jones start the process. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

The August 17, 2022 claims which totaled \$525,090.41 were presented for approval. Vice President Harley moved to accept claims August 2, 2022, through August 15, 2022. Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the Council, Vice President Harley motioned to adjourn the meeting and Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Charles R. Snead, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer