

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY June 15, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council Vice-President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: Vice President George Null, Members Juli Stauffer, Suzanne Umbaugh, Charles R Snead, Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney and Attorney Derek Jones. President Johnson was unable to attend due to his annual training with the National Guard.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the June 1st Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Umbaugh moved to accept the minutes and Member Stauffer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Mark Umbaugh gave a description of activities that Jerry Chavez from the MCEDC has been working on. Chris VanDuyne gave a presentation explaining why he feels Argos would benefit from a small business incentive plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Derek Jones stated he talked to Greg Haschel from the amateur radio club about the lease contract. Mr. Haschel has not returned the signed lease yet. Next Attorney Jones addressed the situation with the Fourway Lease Agreement. He stated that Mr. Houin from Fourway has a list of equipment currently on the water tower and has been actively removing any equipment not in use. Mr. Houin has stated he will attend the next Council meeting. Next Attorney Jones stated that he had a meeting with REMC about relinquishing service territory they want to swap but will not just give up service territory. This is still ongoing and there will be more discussions in the future. Attorney Jones then stated that was all he had for this meeting. Member Snead motioned to accept the attorney report, Member Umbaugh seconded and motion passed unanimously.

RTC Fiber Optics:

Superintendent Jim Burroughs attended the County Council meeting asking for help in paying for RTC fiber optic cable. They made no motion so the Town Council invited all County Council Members, all County Commissioners and Jerry Chavez from the MCEDC down to discuss why no motion was made. Council Members Jon Vanvactor, Heath Thorton, Steve Harper, Jerry Chavez, Commissioners Kurt Garner and Kevin Overmyer were all in attendance. After a discussion on why the Argos Town Council feels that they deserve help for the improvement of Economic Development by getting the fiber, the conversation concluded with the Council thanking the members for their time and hopefully support if the subject is brought before them again.

Board Openings/ MC Tourism, Cemetery Board, BZA and Plan Commission:

Openings still available for the MC Tourism, Cemetery, Plan Commission, Redevelopment and BZA.

Other Old Business:

Member Umbaugh stated that the rate studies for utilities needed to be done. After discussion the members decided to table it until the next meeting when President Johnson would be able to attend.

Member Stauffer stated she talked with Commissioner Kurt Garner with regards to obtaining an historical grant for the old library building. Commissioner Garner seemed to think there are grants available at a 50/50 match. Member Stauffer will keep working on the project.

NEW Business:

Dylan Colburn – Redevelopment Commission–

Dylan Colburn, President of the Redevelopment Commission gave an update to things the Commission is working on. So far they have approved \$26,400 on the downtown redevelopment. There are other properties ready to be approved just waiting on Marshall County Building Inspector letters. The Commission worked at coming up with a town slogan. It was voted on “Preserving the Past, Powering the Future”. Also the Commission received its annual TIF Reports copies were handed out to the Council Members.

Ordinance 2016-9 Internal Controls –

Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney presented Ordinance 2016-9 to be considered. This Ordinance is mandated by the SBOA to ensure compliance with the new internal control standards. Member Umbaugh motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2016-9 on all three readings. Member Stauffer seconded, motion passed unanimously. Member Stauffer motioned to accept the internal controls certification form for training verification. Member Snead seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Other New Business –

Department Head Reports:

Chief Bowman was present to give his department’s report. Jim Burroughs presented the Utility Department Reports in the report he stated well #1 had not been cleaned since 1962. It has always tested ok. Member Stauffer motioned to accept the Department Head Reports. Doug Middleton stated the Fire Department reports would be at the second meeting and that they received a Norfolk and Southern Grant and will be purchasing another extrication tool. Member Snead made a motion that Superintendent Jim Burroughs could hire Peerless to clean well #1. Member Stauffer seconded, motion carried unanimously. Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the Department Head Reports. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the June 15th claims which totaled \$275,206.77. Member Stauffer moved to accept claims #648 through #729 and Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

EMS Building Mold Problem–

Vice President Null brought up about the warranty for the mold remediation for the EMS building. Member Snead went and investigated the mold situation and agrees that something needs to be done. He would like to see a mold testing done. They spent \$50,000 in 2010 and that did not cure the problem. The council decided to have Superintendent Jim Burroughs get mold testing done on the building and they would make decisions based upon the results.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Snead moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Stauffer seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

George Null, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer