

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7TH, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting: President George Null, Vice President Dave Walker, Members Linda Jones, Casie Rowe, Mark VanDerWeele, Town Attorney Derek Jones and Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones.

MINUTES

Minutes from the July 17TH Regular Council Meeting and the Public Hearing and Special Session held on July 24TH were submitted for approval. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the minutes as presented and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously for the July 17TH meeting and the July 24TH meeting passed with Vice President Walker and Council Member Jones abstaining.

CITIZEN INPUT

Resident Barney Beers voiced some opinions. Resident Brenda Hutchison expressed her appreciation to the town for the service of limb pickup.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones discussed a judgment that names the town because of a sewer lien on an Indiana Avenue property and recommended taking no action. Also, Mr. Jones received the lease agreement with Mediacom and found it in good order to accept. Vice President Walker moved to accept the lease agreement and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Jones moved to accept the Attorney Report and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2013-9/ Annexation of Development Land:

Council Member VanDerWeele moved to pass Ordinance 2013-9, annexing development land into the corporate limits of the Town of Argos on the second and third readings and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Seal Coating/ Downtown Striping:

President Null proposed several questions to Doug Middleton about the areas to be sealed. After discussion, Council Member VanDerWeele moved to use Asphalt Restoration Services and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried four to one with President Null opposing.

Uptown Church Festival:

The Council talked about other areas of town that the Argos Ministerial Association could host a music festival Sunday, September 15 from 4pm to 6pm. The issue was tabled and President Null will follow up.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2013-10/ 2014 Salary Ordinance:

Vice President Walker moved to table discussion of the ordinance until next meeting and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Church Request:

The Argos Wesleyan Church sent a letter to the Council requesting permission to block Plum Street from Michigan Street to Maple Street and the alley coming from the south onto Plum Street on Sunday, September 8TH from 8pm to 3pm for a carnival. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to grant permission to block the street and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

North Michigan & Maple Street Storm Water Issue:

Resident Curtis Irwin talked to the Council about storm water issues due to broken and blocked tile affecting several properties. Doug Middleton explained to the Council what problems he discovered by referring to a map prepared by Superintendent John Archambeault. During the conversation it was agreed that something needs to be done and the total cost is unknown at this time. Council Member Rowe moved to go forward with getting the easement and starting the project and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Waste Water Tank Skimmer Request:

Waste Water Operator Kim Smock presented the Council with a quote for 4 skimmer assemblies. Doug Middleton explained to the Council what the skimmers do and the need to have them replaced. The cost at the time of the quote was \$9,240 which could a little more at the time of ordering. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to allow the purchase and Council Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

President Null called for an Executive Session to be scheduled at 6:30pm on August 21ST.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones read the top five claims totaling \$267,214.62 which represented 67% of the total docket. The claim docket totaled \$394,095.26. Council Member Rowe moved to accept claims 749 through 834 and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board, Council Member Rowe moved to adjourn the meeting and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously. President Null thanked everyone for coming. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer