TOWN OF ARGOS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021

# **CALL TO ORDER:**

President Null called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Present for the meeting President George Null, Vice President Charles R. Snead, Members Shawn Harley, Angela Resendez, Erica Partin, Attorney Derek Jones, and Clerk Lori Meyer was filling in for Clerk- Treasurer Mullaney.

# **MINUTES:**

Minutes from the September 15,2021 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Vice President Snead moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

#### **CITIZEN INPUT:**

Business owner Pat Burkett discussed having more parking for the downtown and would like parking for tractor trailers around the new downtown square. He also complained about his customers getting tickets for parking. The Council informed him that the police were only ticketing people who were parked illegally.

President Null brought up that the two-hour parking signs uptown should be covered during the construction of the downtown square. Member Harley motioned to cover the signs and allow parking at any time during the construction on Michigan St, Williams St, First St. and Maple St. No parking tickets will be issued except vehicles that are illegally parked.

Jan Heuer stated Maple Grove Cemetery looks awful. She knows the mowing crew was sick with COVID and thinks the Town should ask for volunteers to help clean it up. President Null informed her they are going to be taking bids for a new service for the cemetery in the spring.

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

# **Attorney Report:**

Attorney Jones opened the bid for cleaning of the property located at 326 W. Church St. One bid was received from Dean Kolar. Member Harley motioned to accept the bid as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones asked which member of the council will be present for the hearing on OFF Property Development. President Null volunteered he is on the Plan Commission and Town Council.

Attorney Jones then stated the House of Graber filing as a sovereign citizen, filed a lien on the town's EMS building and the Marshall County Jail for Assistant Chief Rudd's participation in arresting his son who had an outstanding warrant. Attorney Jones stated the attorney for Marshall County is filing a counter suite to remove the lien. Attorney Jones asked if the Council would like him to join Marshall County in filing against the House of Graber and get the lien removed? Vice President Snead motioned to join with Marshall County to get the lien removed. Member Partin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones then presented Resolution 2021-10 to sell property to INDOT and change the deed to reflect the Town of Argos ownership of the EMS Building. Member Harley motioned to accept resolution as written. President Null seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones and Chuck DeWitt then gave an update to the council on the BZA meeting to get a variance to build the two new buildings. Both variances were granted.

Attorney Jones stated there is a court date set for the OFF-Property Development litigation on October 28, 2021. He fully expects a ruling shortly after.

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

# **Other Old Business:**

None

#### **NEW Business:**

#### **Ordinance 2021-13 Budget 2022-.**

President Null explained the ordinance presented had its first reading at the last meeting. Member Harley motioned to suspend the rules and accept Ordinance 2021-13 as written. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings. Member Resendez seconded; motion carried 4 to 1 with President Null abstaining due to being on the Argos Fire Department.

#### Resolution 2021-09-

Member Partin motioned to accept Resolution 2021-09 as written. Vice President Snead seconded: motion carried unanimously.

# **Quotes for New Timeclock Software:**

After review of both quotes Member Harley motioned to accept the quote from Ascentis Corp. for new software. Vice President Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

# **Other New Business:**

None

# **CLAIMS**

The October 6, 2021, claims which totaled \$506,920.70. Member Partin moved to accept claims September 11, 2021, through October 4, 2021. Member Harley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business brought before the board Member Harley moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

	George Null, President	
ATTEST:		
Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer	_	