

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY APRIL 5, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Dustin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: President Dustin Johnson, Vice President George Null, Members Suzanne Umbaugh, Charles R. Snead, Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney and Attorney Derek Jones. Member Stauffer were absent.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the March 15, 2017 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Snead motioned to accept the minutes and Vice President Null seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT –

Mark Thompson mentioned a barrel racing event taking place at the fairgrounds May 19th, 20th & 21st Also, August 4th, 5th and 6th. These are sanctioned events and will bring lots of people to town.

Cassidy Quimby asked about the solar park and what benefit it brings to Argos. It was explained to him that the Town does not own the solar park nor do we maintain it. Mr. Quimby also inquired about the rate increase for water and sewer and why it was necessary. He also brought up that Dawn Braunecker is planning a Community Women's Fair at the Armory in Plymouth on April 29th.

Mark Umbaugh – MCEDC –

Mr. Umbaugh read the report for the activities of the MCEDC for the month of March.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones prepared an addendum to the Hyperwave Agreement they have been paying rent for one attachment and now would be paying for two attachments. Vice President Null made a motion to have President Johnson sign the addendum. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones drafted up an amended order for the Speedway gas station. He felt we could extend the date since they are apparently moving forward with the demolition of the building. Attorney Jones stated that the Council if they are so inclined should sign the new amended order just in case they do not demolish the building as planned. Vice President Null motioned to accept the new order. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Derek Jones stated he made a couple of changes to the Real Services Contract since they had expressed concern over minor issues. Attorney Jones made small changes and we are waiting to hear back from them.

Attorney Jones got the title commitment back from the Marshall County Title Company, which gives the descriptions of the roads and the ½ acre corner parcel. Attorney Jones prepared a first right of refusal for parcels to the east and north of Colonial Estates. Also, the purchase agreement and the right of first refusal are ready to be signed. Vice President Null motioned to sign both the purchase agreement and the first right of refusal. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried 3 to 1 with Member Snead opposing.

Attorney Jones is still drafting the lease agreement for the shell building project and will present it when finished.

Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the Attorney report. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Argos Library Summer Reading Program:

After discussion Member Snead motioned to donate \$275.00 to the program. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Electric Department New Hire:

Assistant Superintendent Lindstrom introduced Brad Lacher as who they would like to hire for the Electric Department Apprenticeship. Vice President Null motioned to hire Brad Lacher to the Electric Department. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

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

Openings still available for the MC Tourism, Plan Commission, Redevelopment and BZA. President Johnson brought forth a letter of interest from Rob Hurford to be on the BZA board. After consulting with Attorney Jones, it was determined that Mr. Hurford qualified and would need to be a Council appointment. Vice President Null motioned to appoint Mr. Hurford to the BZA board. Member Snead seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Old Business:

Secretary of the Fire Department Mark Thompson stated they received their letter stating that they receive half of the grant money needed for the gear washer project. After a discussion, Mr. Thompson stated he would be presenting to the Council how much money would still be needed and asking if the Council would like to go in with the Fire Department on covering the costs in addition to the money already pledged.

Council Member Snead stated that he attended some training that Lutheran air ambulance service provided to the Fire and Ems. Lutheran will now have another air ambulance in Knox which would help service our area as well.

NEW Business:

Resolution 2017-5 Power Tracker 2nd Quarter:

After a small discussion, Member Snead motioned to accept Resolution 2017-5 as written. Vice President Null seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-12 Salary Ordinance:

This Ordinance is retroactive back to March 16th amends an employee's wages and lists the new hires wages. Vice President Null motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2017-12 as written on all three readings. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

TRC Application:

Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney has provided Attorney Jones with an application for the Technical Review Committee. As soon as Attorney Jones has time to look it over and approve it will be ready for public viewing.

Stic Corporation New Downtown Revitalization Plan:

Mr. VanDuyne on behalf of his non-profit corporation as presented a plan on how the Council could move forward with revitalization of the downtown area. Vice President Null would like all the Council Members to review this plan based upon it following goals set in the Comprehensive Plan for the Town.

Argos Fire Department Fish Fry-

The fish fry for this year will take place on May 13th.

Council Member Reports –

Member Umbaugh, Vice President Null, President Johnson and Member Snead all gave a monthly report of the various activities they did such as meetings, emails and phone calls on behalf of the Town.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the April 05, 2017 claims which totaled \$310,141.87. Vice President Null moved to accept claims #330 through #409 and Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Snead moved to adjourn the meeting and Vice President Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:46p.m.

Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer