

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Minutes from the July 16TH Regular Council Meeting were submitted for approval. Council Member Rowe moved to accept the minutes as presented and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Tracy Boulas, property owner of 401 East Walnut Street, appeared before the Council to request a 30 day extension to remove their dilapidated garage. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the extension to September 9TH and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Mr. Jones said he spoke with a MACOG representative about the agreement pertaining to street sign replacement and concluded along with Utilities Superintendent Jim Burroughs that the agreement was very cost effective for the town. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to sign the agreement and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the attorney report and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BZA, Plan Commission & Cemetery Board Openings:

There were no letters of interest at this meeting.

2015 Budget Calendar:

Clerk-Treasurer Jones presented the 2015 budget calendar to the Council and mentioned that Eric Walsh from Umbaugh & Associates will be meeting with them to go over cash flows and possible budget changes prior to next meeting.

Old Library:

There was a discussion about the poor condition of the old library and the need to barricade it off and move the dumpster until it can be torn down. The demolition is budgeted for in 2015. Jim Burroughs said he can try and get some more quotes for demolition.

NEW BUSINESS

School Ad:

President Null talked about the Warsaw TV station that would be in town to film the soccer game between Argos and Warsaw on the 19TH and that for around \$200 for advertising we could promote our community. Clerk-Treasurer Jones said that the money was available from the Promotional Line Item. Council Member Rowe moved to spend the money for promotion and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

Jim Burroughs discussed a bill turned in by resident Darell McIntire in the amount of \$534.90 for damage due to town electrical equipment failure. It was decided to turn the claim over to the town liability insurance carrier.

Underground Boring Tool Request:

Utilities Superintendent Jim Burroughs presented the Council with quotes for an underground boring tool, also known as a "mole". Mr. Burroughs explained that the town has been borrowing Bourbon's mole for several years and it only makes sense to purchase our own as much as it would be used. Council Member Rowe moved to purchase the mole for \$5,160 from Vermeer and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Jones read the top five claims totaling \$90,485.38 which represented 52% of the total docket and the claim docket totaled \$172,766.74. Council Member Jones moved to accept claims 720 through 787 and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board, Council Member Rowe moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously. President Null thanked everyone for coming. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer