

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Mark VanDerWeele called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Minutes from the January 7<sup>TH</sup> Regular Session and public hearing were submitted for approval. Council Member Null moved to accept the minutes and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Resident Owen Fluckey voiced his ongoing concerns about drivers not observing the four way stop signs at Indiana and Yearick streets.

Resident Chuck Calhoun presented information and spoke to the Council about several issues including the importance of the town working with the school. Economic development is vital to the population of the schools and we must do all we can to not lose one of the top schools in the state.

OLD BUSINESS

**Attorney Report:**

Attorney Jones said that the owner of the farm land abutting Grove Street north of State Road 10 to 16<sup>TH</sup> Road were willing to give the Town of Argos a forty foot easement. Currently, the town has utility poles along that stretch of Grove Street and Utilities Superintendent Jim Burroughs said that there are gas lines there as well. Not seeing any downside to accepting the strip of property, Vice President Walker moved to accept the easement property and Council Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council received information on solar fields from IMPA representative Dan Worl prior to the meeting during an informational workshop. Derek explained that if the Council so chooses to use the 6.6 acres of farm land as the solar field location, Vories Farms would need to be notified as that land is a part of the farm lease. Vice President Walker moved to not farm the 6.6 acres and Council Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Walker then moved to designate the 6.6 acres of land for the purpose of a solar field to be put in place in 2015 and Council Member Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Walker moved to authorize Derek to start the process of annexing the 6.6 acres and Council Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Rowe moved to accept the Attorney Report and Council Member Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance 2015-1/ Zoning Text Amendment:**

Vice President Walker moved to pass Ordinance 2015-1 on the second and third reading and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried four to one with Council Member Null opposing.

**Plan Commission Opening:**

No letters of interest this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

**Resolution 2015-1/ Power Tracker Rate:**

Council Member Null moved to pass Resolution 2015-1 and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**ARC Appointments:**

Council Member Null moved to re-appoint Todd VanDerWeele and Jeff Gonce to the Argos Redevelopment Commission and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously. President VanDerWeele re-appointed Jerry Gates, Ginger Calhoun and Julie Campbell to complete the five member board and re-appointed Kirk Nellans as the non-voting advisory member.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

**Utilities-** Superintendent Jim Burroughs gave an update on various projects.

**Police-** Chief Rudd was on vacation so Officer Davis read the year to date stats.

**Fire-** Fire Chief Mark Dean thanked the Council for the Fire and EMS holiday dinner.

**EMS-** Director Miller was not present at this meeting.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Jones read the top five claims totaling \$202,165.59 which represented 91% of the total docket and the claim docket totaled \$221,918.91. Council Member Null moved to accept claims 48 through 95 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 President VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously. President VanDerWeele thanked everyone for coming. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

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Mark VanDerWeele, President

ATTEST:

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Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer