

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Mark VanDerWeele called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting: President Mark VanDerWeele, Vice President Suzanne Umbaugh, Members George Null, Dustin Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones and Town Attorney Derek Jones. Member Casie Rowe was absent.

MINUTES

Minutes from the November 18TH Public Hearings and Regular Session were submitted for approval. Council Member Johnson moved to accept the minutes and Vice President Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

TCU INSURANCE

Insurance agent Brian Liechty presented the council with his recommendation of staying with UHC for the employee health insurance. Council Member Null moved to stay with UHC and Council Member Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MCEDC

Jerry Chavez from MCEDC gave a year-end report about the various projects throughout the county and touched on specific projects that are helping Argos move forward economically. President VanDerWeele thanked Mr. Chavez for the report.

CITIZEN INPUT

Carol Arnett announced that the open house for the Red Cross was canceled for December 9TH. Park Board President Ed Barcus commended Jim Burroughs for his hand in helping the park in their five-year plan and his efforts in the community.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Derek Jones reported that he had reviewed the parking ordinance and that the council could amend the ordinance to accommodate the parking issue on East Williams Street or they could simply remove the No Parking sign. He explained that if there is no sign, there would be no violation. Council Member Null moved to have the No Parking sign removed and Vice President Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Null moved to have Derek proceed with the sale of property on Broadway Street with the inclusion of the utility easement written in the deed and Council Member Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Openings/ MC Tourism Board and Cemetery Board and Police Commission:

There was one letter of interest from Mark Umbaugh to be appointed to the Argos Metropolitan Police Commission. Council Member Johnson moved to appoint Mark Umbaugh to the Police Commission and Council Member Null seconded. The motion carried three to one with Vice President Umbaugh abstaining.

Ordinance 2015-11/ 2016 Salary Ordinance:

After a discussion Council Member Null moved to leave the salaries the same as in 2015 and Council

Member Johnson seconded. The motion tied with President VanDerWeele and Vice President Umbaugh opposing. Clerk-Treasurer Jones broke the tie by opposing the motion. The ordinance will come back for a final vote at the next meeting when Council Member Rowe is present.

Ordinance 2015-12/ 2016 Paid Holidays:

Vice President Umbaugh moved to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2015-12 on all three readings and Council Member Johnson seconded. The motion carried three to one with Council Member Null opposing.

Other Old Business:

Council Member Null inquired if anyone had been in contact recently with the Rotruck's concerning Green Summit Cemetery. It was expressed that they have not been contacted recently.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2015-14/ Electric Loan to Water:

Council Member Null moved to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2015-14 on all three readings and Council Member Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Annual Outdoor Christmas Lighting Contest:

Resident Robert Luce requested that the Council add a business category to the contest that is normally for residential homes only. Council Member Null moved to add businesses to the contest and Vice President Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

First Place- \$200, Second Place- \$100 and Third Place- \$50 for a total of \$700 to be awarded at the next Council Meeting.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Jones presented the End of November claims which totaled \$46,540.30. Council Member Null moved to accept claims 1197 through 1212 and Council Member Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board, Council Member Null moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Mark VanDerWeele, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer