

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Minutes from the November 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Session and Public Hearing were submitted for approval. Council Member Rowe moved to accept the minutes and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Christine Stevens asked about who is responsible for paving the streets in the Colonial Estates housing subdivision. The street department had been plowing and Utilities Superintendent Jim Burroughs said that the town did that for the school bus and to be good neighbors. Attorney Jones had a plat of the subdivision and based on that document and town ordinances the paving would be the responsibility of the subdivision owner and then after the streets were dedicated to the town the street department would maintain the streets.

Resident Suzanne Umbaugh asked questions about the availability of the town ordinances and why the ordinances had not been kept up to date on disc since 2009. Clerk-Treasurer Jones took most of the blame for that not being done but noted that the ordinances and resolutions would be available on flash drives once 2014 was completed.

OLD BUSINESS

**Attorney Report:**

Mr. Jones said that he had met with Clerk-Treasurer Jones and Ralph Booker to go over some changes needed in the Town Zoning Code to make it more uniform and consistent for permitting purposes and to change some incorrect text. A copy of the changes were given to the Council for review.

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

**Board Openings:**

No letters of interest were received for vacancies on the BZA, Cemetery and Plan Commission. Don Mahoney turned in his resignation effective December 31, 2014 on the MCEDC and an Argos representative still needs to be appointed to the Marshall County Tourism Board.

**Employee Appreciation Dinner:**

Clerk-Treasurer Jones said that J's Pub was at \$1,200 for feeding approximately 45 people and that she had talked to Robyn Burkett about similar menu options and the price with gratuity would be comparable. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to go with J's Pub for the dinner and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried three to two with President Null opposing and Vice President Walker abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

**Ordinance 2014-13/ 2015 Paid Holidays:**

Council Member Rowe moved to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2014-13 on all three readings keeping the same holidays as in the past and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Annual Outdoor Christmas Decorating Contest:**

Vice President Walker moved to do the annual contest having first place receive \$200, second place \$100 and 3<sup>RD</sup> place \$50 and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Fire and EMS Christmas Dinner:**

Fire department liaison Casie Rowe asked the Council if the town could pay for the Fire and EMS dinner that they usually have in January. The issue was tabled until a dollar amount was presented.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

**Utilities-** Superintendent Jim Burroughs gave an update on the electric upgrade at the Log House Restaurant and issues with the new sander.

**Police-** There were no questions for Chief Rudd.

**Fire-** There were no questions for Fire Chief Dean.

**EMS-** There were no questions for Director Miller.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Jones read the top five claims totaling \$222,185.98 which represented 93% of the total docket and the claim docket totaled \$238,725.10. Council Member Jones moved to accept claims 1060 through 1099 and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board, Council Member Rowe moved to adjourn the meeting and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously. President Null thanked everyone for coming. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

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George Null, President

ATTEST:

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Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer