

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Dustin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: President Dustin Johnson, Vice President George Null, Members Juli Stauffer, Suzanne Umbaugh, Craig Ellis, Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney and Town Attorney Derek Jones.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the February 3rd Regular Session were submitted for approval. Vice President George Null moved to accept the minutes and Member Craig Ellis seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT:

No citizen input at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Derek Jones stated he was having a meeting with Jim and or Jamie on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016 regarding the documents he received from REMC. Attorney Jones then stated the Cemetery Mowing Contract was brought before the board at the last meeting where it was decided that he would review and present the contract at this meeting. After this was decided the council appointed members to the Cemetery Board giving that board enough members for a quorum. Attorney Jones wanted to know if the Council still wanted to approve the contract accept the responsibilities that it all entailed or turn it over to the Cemetery Board. Member Umbaugh moved to give the responsibilities for the contract to the Cemetery Board, Member Ellis seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Jones then brought before the board Resolution 2016-3. This resolution complies with the State Board of Accounts need to have a Materiality and Clerk Directive as mandated. Vice President Null motioned to accept Resolution 2016-3 as written, Member Stauffer seconded and motion passed unanimously. Also brought before the board is the contract between the Park, School and Town for shared resources. It was presented by Michelle Riise Superintendent of Schools for approval. Attorney Jones is not comfortable with the way the document is written. Member Ellis motioned to have Attorney Jones clean up the document and bring it back before the board at the next meeting, Vice President Null seconded and motion passed unanimously. Next issue was the Sheila Beers fence issue for conformity to the Land Use and Development code the council decided to give the neighbors more time to respond to the complaint. Next item is Resolution 2016-2 Revitalization Program after a long discussion there was no motions.

Member Umbaugh moved to accept the Attorney Report, Member Stauffer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Green Summit Monument:

President Johnson was able to talk with the citizens interested in helping raise money for the memorial. They are still willing to do that but have no solid plans on how to proceed. Council members and citizens then discussed the two bids currently on the table after another long discussion Vice President

Null made a motion to accept the Columbus Memorial bid, Member Stauffer seconded and Member Umbaugh called for a discussion about purchasing local rather than from out of town. After a discussion of who gave who numbers and who can outbid another Member Ellis wanted to say that the bidding process was not handled correctly. Motion was defeated 3 to 2 with President Johnson, Member Umbaugh and Member Ellis opposing. Member Umbaugh made a motion to have Alan Earl get the best bid for the memorial, Vice President Null seconded, motion passed unanimously. President Johnson said he would talk to Alan Earl and present final quote to the council next meeting.

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

No interest in MC Tourism and Cemetery Board. President Johnson stated he received a letter of resignation from Mr. Stephen Hissong, who is currently on the BZA and Planning Commission. Attorney Jones suggested that they look into the state statutes about who can serve on the boards before appointing anyone. Council will have Attorney Jones look into it before accepting letters of interest.

Other Old Business:

Vice President Null started another discussion about Resolution 2016 - 2, he made a motion to set aside \$20,000.00 for the Redevelopment of the downtown payable in a maximum reimbursement of \$1,000.00 increments per business. Member Stauffer seconded. More discussion was held motioned carried 3 to 2 with Member Umbaugh and Member Ellis opposing. Discussion was then turned to creating a committee to accept and approve the applications as stated in Resolution 2016-2. Vice President Null made a motion to appoint the Redevelopment Committee as the committee stated in the resolution. Member Stauffer seconded and motion passed unanimously. Attorney Jones brought up that the application that goes along with Resolution 2016-2 needs to be approved also. Vice President Null made a motion to accept the application as written, Member Stauffer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinances 2016 - 2, 3 & 4:

Attorney Jones wanted to know if he was to work on Ordinance 2016-2 with the clerk's office. Member Stauffer motioned to have Attorney Jones work with the Clerk's office to amend 2016-2 and bring it back for approval. Vice President Null seconded and motion passed unanimously. Ordinances 2016-3 & 4 were tabled until rate studies cost could be looked at. President Johnson will schedule a workshop for the Council where the cost for the rate studies are can be presented.

Marshall County Dispatch Fees and Protocol:

Vice President Null was present at a meeting where the county wants to hire more staff and increase dispatch fees. Further meetings will be held to discuss the matter.

Department head reports for PD, Utilities, Fire and EMS:

Police Chief Bowman presented his report for the PD, Jamie Lindstrom presented for utilities. Chief Dean's report was included in the Council's packet. Member Stauffer made a motion to accept the department head reports, Member Ellis seconded motion passed unanimously.

Other New Business:

Apheus - Carbonite Backup estimate -

Clerk /Treasurer Mullaney presented an estimate from Apheus for backing up network servers. Estimate was for one, two or three year contracts through Carbonite. Member Ellis made a motion to accept the estimate for the three-year contract as it provided the most savings. Member Stauffer seconded, motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the February 17th claims which totaled \$240,721.96. Member Ellis moved to accept claims 173 through 222 and Council Member Stauffer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice president Null wanted it on record that he did not give any numbers out on the Green Summit memorial. With no more business brought before the board, Vice President Null moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Stauffer seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:34 PM.

Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer