

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice President Snead called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: Vice President Charles R. Snead, Shawn Harley, Erica Partin, Angela Resendez, Attorney Derek Jones, and Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney. President George Null was absent due to covid.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the December 1, 2021, Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Harley moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones presented annual nepotism forms to be signed by the elected officials. All forms except President Null were signed.

Attorney Jones then presented conflict of interest statements for the Council to approve for Mark VanDerWeele and Jon VanDerWeele. Member Harley motioned to approve the conflict-of-interest statements. Member Resendez seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones then informed the Council if they wanted to lease the remaining ground for farming, they would need to bid the farm lease soon. The question is how to access the ground. After a discussion the Council decided to table the discussion until the January 15, 2022, meeting.

Attorney Jones asked the Council about the Mora property on Church St. Plan Director Chuck DeWitt stated he checked with the Marshall County Building Inspector and the hoop garage is not considered a structure. The shed on the property was never permitted and needs to be removed. Member Harley motioned to bid to have shed, and hoop garage removed from the property and have Chief Bowman to inform Mr. Mora that this will be sent out for bid. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones also mentioned that we will have to bid out the cemetery for mowing and upkeep for 2022. Member Resendez motioned to have Attorney Jones send the cemetery mowing for 2022. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

With no more business to present to the Council, Member Resendez motioned to accept the attorney's report. Member Partin seconded; motioned carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2021-18 Salary Ordinance 2022:

After a discussion, Member Harley motioned to accept Ordinance 2021-18 as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-12 Grants Suspension:

After discussion, Member Resendez motioned to accept Resolution 2021-12 as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other Old Business:

The winners of the Christmas Light Contest for 2021 were announced.

NEW Business:

Ordinance 2021-19 Employee Handbook Revision 1-01-2022:

After discussion Member Resendez motioned to suspend the rules and accept Ordinance 2021-19 as written. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2021-20 Trash Rates 2022:

After discussion Member Partin motioned to suspend the rules and accept Ordinance 2021-20 as written. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Cemetery Rates:

This was tabled until all members of the council could be present.

Other New Business –

Chief Bowman would like to see Officer Jeremy Enyart receive time for benefits since he previously worked for the Argos Police department and left on good terms. After a discussion Member Partin motioned to honor Officer Enyart's previous time at work for benefit purposes. Member Harley seconded; motion carried 3 to 1 with Member Resendez voting against.

Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney asked the Council for permission to get three quotes for a capital asset project. Member Harley motioned to allow the clerk/treasurer to get three quotes for capital assets. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Treasurer Mullaney presented the Council with a list of bad debts that can be written off due to bankruptcy, death or fees from the collection company. Member Harley motioned to write off all amounts presented. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Department Head Reports

All department heads and the Economic Director submitted their reports for review.

Chief Bowman presented his report. Light bar on charger has been installed and SRO officer starts on January 4, 2022.

Superintendent Lindstrom included his report in the Council packet. He also stated the new dump truck has been ordered and work on Deerfield Estates has started.

Chief Mark Dean included his report in the Council packet.

EMS Chief Dean gave a verbal report.

Mark VanDerWeele gave a verbal report.

Member Resendez motioned to accept the department head reports. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

The December 15, 2021, claims which totaled \$557,380.16. Member Harley moved to accept claims December 1, 2021, through December 10, 2021. Member Resendez seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Resendez moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer