

Argos Town Council

Town of Argos

June 24, 2026

The Argos Town Council met for an Executive Session at 6:00 pm. This meeting was held with respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction (IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)). All members were present.

The Town of Argos Town Council met on June 24, 2026, in the council room at 201 W. Walnut St. for a Regular Town Council Meeting. Those present were President Ed Barcus, Vice President Shawn Harley, Members Charles Snead, Erica Partin, Robert Byers, Attorney Derek Jones, and Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney.

President Ed Barcus called the meeting to order at **7:02 pm**.

President Barcus asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Barcus opened the regular Town Council Meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes from June 10, 2026, Regular Session were presented for approval.

Motion – Member Byers made a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

Second – Member Partin

Decision – Motion carried **4 to 1** with Member Snead abstaining.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mr. Nathan Caudill, owner of the property located at **210 N. Maple St.**, appeared before the Council requesting a reduction of the zoning violation fines and fees assessed against the property.

Following discussion by the Council:

Motion – Member Byers made a motion to reduce the zoning violation fine to **\$250.00**.

No second was heard. Motion failed for a second.

Motion – Vice President Harley made a motion to reduce the total fees due to **\$1,085.06**.

Second – Member Partin

Decision – Motion carried **4 to 1** with Member Byers opposing.

President Barcus then read several letters of praise regarding the Town's handling of the train Big Boy 4150 when it stopped in town.

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OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report

Attorney Jones presented the contract with Attorney Wagner for handling legal matters in which Attorney Jones would have a conflict of interest.

After discussion,

Motion – Vice President Harley made a motion to accept the contract as written with Attorney Wagner.

Second – Member Partin

Decision – Motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to be brought before the Council.

Motion – Vice President Harley made a motion to accept the Attorney Report.

Second – Member Partin

Decision – Motion carried unanimously.

SRO Contract

After review and discussion,

Motion – Member Byers made a motion to accept the SRO contract as written.

Second – Member Snead.

Decision – Motion carried unanimously.

Motion – Vice President Harley made a motion to allow Chief Rodney Rudd to sign the SRO contract.

Second – Member Partin

Decision – Motion carried unanimously.

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Other Old Business

Member Byers stated the house at 413 Albert St. finally sold and is being cleaned up.

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney informed the Council that the company that was hired to map Maple Grove Cemetery is starting on Monday, June 29th and will be completed in the next few months.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2026-08 – Change Zoning Book

This ordinance passed the first reading at the June 10, 2026, meeting. After short discussion,

Motion – Member Byers made a motion to accept Ordinance 2026-08 as written on the second and third readings.

Second – Member Snead.

Decision – Motion carried unanimously.

Two Bar IT Contract

A discussion was held about the Town's current IT company MapleTronics. Since starting service with them the employees felt the service was not compatible with town operations. Two Bar Media presented a contract the employees feel is more compatible with the Town's needs. After discussion,

Motion – Member Partin made a motion to accept the contract as written with Two Bar Media and have Attorney Jones send a letter to Maple Tronics to terminate the existing contract.

Second – Member Snead.

Decision – Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2026-09 – Gener Link Meter Collar Program

- Program Flyer
- Installation Agreement
- Liability Waiver

Superintendent Lindstrom presented the Ordinance and materials for the Gener-Link Meter Collar Program. After discussion,

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Motion – Vice President Harley made a motion to allow the rules to be suspended.

Second – Member Snead.

Decision – Motion carried unanimously.

Motion – Member Partin made a motion to accept Ordinance 2026-09 as written.

Second – Member Harley.

Decision – Motion carried unanimously.

After reviewing the program flyer, installation agreement and liability waiver,

Motion – Vice President Harley made a motion accept the program flyer, installation agreement and liability waiver.as presented.

Second – Member Partin.

Decision – Motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business

Vice President Harely stated he would like to see the Argos Zoning Ordinance changed to ban data centers. After a discussion, Attorney Jones stated the Plan Commission is working on a resolution to change the zoning ordinance to ban data centers. After discussion,

Motion – Vice President Harley to have Attorney Jones draft a resolution for the Plan Commission and an ordinance for the Town Council to ban data centers, carbon sequestration and battery energy storage systems.

Second – Member Partin.

Decision – Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police – Chief Rudd gave his report.

Utilities – Superintendent Lindstrom gave his report.

Development – Development Director VanDerWeele gave his report.

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Zoning – Plan Director Bouchard gave his report.

CLAIMS

Claims from June 9, 2026, through June 22, 2026, in the amount of \$205,648.52 were presented for approval.

Motion – Member Partin motion to approve the claims as presented.

Second – Member Byers seconded.

Decision – Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business,

Motion – Vice President Harley motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Second – Member Byers seconded.

Decision – Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Ed Barcus, Argos Town Council President

Attest:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer