

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNEXATION  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Mark VanDerWeele called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC INPUT

The public hearing is for the annexation of the 6.6 acres owned by the Town of Argos located off of Linden Road.

Attorney Derek Jones stated for the record that the notice for the public hearing was published and posted per state statute requirements.

There was no public input at this hearing.

CLOSING OF PUBLIC HEARING

Town Council President VanDerWeele closed the public hearing at 7:18pm.

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Mark VanDerWeele, President

ATTEST:

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Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Mark VanDerWeele called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Minutes from the February 18<sup>TH</sup> Regular Session were submitted for approval. Council Member Null moved to pass the minutes with the change of adding Council Member Umbaugh's inquiry about manual check #34714 missing from the December 2014 docket and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Resident Pete Devos thanked the utility department for getting the light fixed in front of the fire station.

OLD BUSINESS

**Attorney Report:**

Attorney Derek Jones said that the tax abatement policy for the solar park is moving forward and he hopes to have it ready for the April 1<sup>ST</sup> meeting.

A Plan Commission public hearing is set for April 1<sup>ST</sup> at 7pm to discuss the petition to amend zoning text in the Argos Land Use & Development Code.

Vice President Walker moved to accept the petition to amend the Argos Land Use & Development Code text and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried three to one with Council Member Null opposing.

Council Member Rowe moved to accept the Attorney Report and Council Member Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Annexation of Town Owned Property:**

Vice President Walker moved to adopt the Fiscal Plan regarding annexation of the 6.66 acres of land owned by the Town of Argos located on Linden Road and Council Member Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2015-2/ Land Purchase Agreement:**

Attorney Jones discussed the land purchase agreement between the town and Indiana Municipal Power Agency.

Vice President Walker moved to accept the resolution and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance 2015-2/ Net Metering:**

Utilities Superintendent Jim Burroughs spoke briefly about the topic but would rather Utilities Assistant Superintendent Jamie Lindstrom be present for further discussion before passing the ordinance. Vice President Walker moved to table the ordinance until next meeting and Council Member Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Plan Commission Opening:**

No letters of interest this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

**Police Chief Reduction in Grade Request:**

Police Chief Rodney Rudd put in a request for a reduction in grade which removes him as Argos Police Chief to Sergeant. President VanDerWeele moved to accept the request and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Employee Time off Request Form:**

Utilities Superintendent Jim Burroughs discussed an issue with how employees currently request time off of work and agreed that a request form for record keeping would solve the problem. Council Member Null moved to have Jim utilize a "Request for Time off Form" and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

President VanDerWeele read the top five claims totaling \$193,700.44 which represented 87% of the total docket and the claim docket totaled \$222,244.91. President VanDerWeele and Council Member Rowe had several questions concerning the claims. Council Member Null moved to accept claims 191 through 234 and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion failed two to two with President VanDerWeele and Council Member Rowe opposing and Clerk-Treasurer Jones absent and not able to break the tie.

Vice President Walker moved to table the End of Year 2014 claims until next meeting and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board, Council Member Rowe moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

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Mark VanDerWeele, President

ATTEST:

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Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer