

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH, 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, Suzanne Umbaugh, Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones and Town Attorney Derek Jones.

MINUTES

Minutes from the March 4TH Regular Session and Public Hearing were submitted for approval. Council Member Rowe moved to accept the minutes and Council Member Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Vice President Walker announced that he had accepted a job as the Director of Special Education at Greenfield Central School Corporation and that he will be resigning from the Town Council at the end of April.

Mark Thompson shared information on Movie Night in the Park.

Chuck Calhoun talked about improving the downtown.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Derek Jones reminded the Council of the Plan Commission is set for a public hearing April 1ST at 7pm to discuss the Land Use & Development Code text changes.

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

Ordinance 2015-3/ Annexation:

Vice President Walker moved to pass Ordinance 2015-3 on the first reading and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Land Purchase Agreement:

Attorney Jones discussed the land purchase agreement between the town and Indiana Municipal Power Agency and asked the Council to allow President VanDerWeele to sign the warranty deed.

Vice President Walker moved to have President VanDerWeele sign the warranty deed and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2015-2/ Net Metering:

Council Member Null moved to pass Ordinance 2015-2 on the first reading and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Plan Commission Opening:

No letters of interest this meeting.

Miscellaneous Old Business:

Council Member Null reminded the Council that a representative from Argos still needs to be appointed to the Marshall County Tourism Board.

Clerk-Treasurer Jones said that the town's current accounting software company, Banyon Data

Systems, has a Purchase Order add-on module for \$500. The Council agreed to the purchase.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2015-3/ Downtown Painting Program:

The Council discussed the resolution which would allow interested property owners in the downtown business district to be reimbursed up to \$600 worth of exterior paint to paint the front of the buildings. Council Member Null moved to accept Resolution 2015-3 and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried with four members in favor and President VanDerWeele abstaining.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Utilities- There were no questions for Utilities Superintendent Jim Burroughs.

Police- There were no questions for acting Police Chief Corey Bowman.

EMS- No report this meeting.

Fire- Fire Chief Mark Dean presented the Council with quotes for FRC lights. Council Member Rowe moved to accept the purchase for four FRC lights at \$1,600 per light and Council Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Volunteer Fireman Andy Stone presented a list of activities and costs for the Annual 4TH-A-Bration totaling a little over \$5,000. Council Member Rowe moved to allow the expenditures for the event and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Jones read the top five claims for the March 18th docket totaling \$80,205.60. Those claims represented 75% of the total docket of \$105,845.84. Council Member Null moved to accept claims 235 through 290 and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Null moved to accept the End of Year 2014 claims and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried with Council Member Umbaugh abstaining. Council Member Rowe move to accept the claims presented for the March 4th docket and Council Member Umbaugh 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 8:27 PM. President VanDerWeele thanked everyone for coming.

Mark VanDerWeele, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer