

Cemetery Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.
Workshop @ 7:15 P.M. Water & Sewer Rates
Executive Session @ 8:15 P.M.

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY MARCH 15, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Dustin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

Minutes from the March 1, 2017 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Vice President Null motioned to accept the minutes and Member Snead seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT –

Building owner Charles Riddle spoke about his objections to the Town building a shell building on the 75 acres on 17th Road. He feels the money would be better spent on small business incentives for the downtown area. Also, that what is the Town doing to train more skilled laborers. Jerry Chavez from the MCEDC explained that the money for the shell building would be financed by the MCEDC and that the MCEDC is working with work force development on programs to help train a more skilled workforce.

Citizen Mark VanDerWeele wanted to thank the Town Council for providing Reach Alert for the citizens. He felt that it really helped in keeping the public informed during the power outage and boil order.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Derek Jones presented the Resolution 2017-3 Colonial Estates to be resigned due to corrected parcel's. Attorney Jones then stated the deeds for the land swap with ITAMCO have been recorded. So that is completed. ITAMCO has inquired about the Town vacating easements on their property. Looking at the easements they want vacated and after talking to Assist. Superintendent James Lindstrom, Attorney Jones stated the Town could potentially vacate the easements if ITAMCO assumed all responsibility for the utilities buried under the easements. Member Snead made a motion to abandon the easements if ITAMCO assumed all responsibility for the utilities buried under the easements. Member Stauffer seconded, motion carried unanimously. Attorney Jones will talk with ITAMCO. Lastly, Attorney Jones presented Resolution 2017-4 Shell Building to move the project forward. Member Umbaugh motioned to accept Resolution 2017-4 as written. Member Null seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the Attorney report. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-3 Water Ordinance:

Vice President Null motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2017-3 on the second and third readings. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-4 Sewer Ordinance:

Member Snead motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2017-4 on the second and third readings. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

EMS Building:

After discussion, it was decided to have Chuck DeWitt of the Marshall County Building Inspector come back for a public workshop on April 5, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

Speedway Order:

Attorney Jones explained that the next step for the old Speedway Station up town would be to have a meeting of the Hearing Authority. After discussion Vice President Null motioned to have the meeting on April 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Member Stauffer seconded, motion carried unanimously. Attorney Jones will notify Speedway about the hearing.

Bid Sheet for old Library:

Vice President Null presented a rough draft of a bid sheet for the old library. Attorney Jones stated a couple of things should be revised or added. Vice President Null asked for Attorney Jones to revise and the get it to Assistant Superintendent Lindstrom to be sent out.

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

Openings still available for the MC Tourism, Plan Commission, Redevelopment and BZA.

Other Old Business:

Clerk Treasurer Mullaney presented several bids from Benefit Solutions regarding short-term disability insurance. She also brought back the quote from Miller/Norcen Agency from a prior meeting. After discussion and review of all bids. Vice President Null motioned to accept the quote from Miller/Norcen Agency with Lincoln National. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

NEW Business:

B&R Rental Ordinance 2017-11 –

Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney explained to the Council. That the Ordinance 2017-2 which was passed earlier this year did not include sales tax on the rental amount. The Council could sign Ordinance 2017-11 or keep Ordinance 2017-2 and receive a lower amount of rental income. Member Snead motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2017-11 on all three readings. Member Stauffer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

South Street Block Party-

Members of the South Street Athletic Club requested to close one block of South Street from First Street to Second Street on May 28th from 12 p.m. to 12 a.m. Vice President Null motioned to allow them to block off one block on the date and time stated. Member Stauffer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Department Head Reports:

Sargent Rudd gave the monthly Police Department Report. He explained about the Dodge Durango needing a lot of repairs and it being cheaper to trade it for a new truck. The new truck would not be paid with tax payer dollars rather by the Police Fund. Member Stauffer motioned to allow Chief Bowman to pursue buying a new truck to replace the Dodge Durango and pay for it from the Police Fund. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Burroughs gave his report and asked for permission to order new controls for the water plant. After discussion Attorney Jones will look into bidding process and if it is needed.

Member Snead stated he talked to Mark Thompson from the Argos Fire Department and the gear washer grant has gone through and they have measured and decided where it is to go. Now just waiting on it to arrive.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the March 15th claims which totaled \$101,179.12. Member Umbaugh moved to accept claims #265 through #329 and Vice President Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Stauffer moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer