

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:31PM.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Minutes from the February 20TH Regular Council Meeting were submitted for approval. Vice President Walker moved to accept the minutes as presented and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Dean Byers explained the process of building and selling homes through Habitat for Humanity starting with the application. Mr. Byers also discussed other programs offered like Brush with Kindness. That particular program helps homeowners throughout the year.

The Council and Attorney Jones asked questions about donating property to Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Byers indicated that he would love to have the grove street property recently acquired by the town.

The Council thanked Mr. Byers for coming.

CITIZEN INPUT

Pete Devos voiced concerns about the alley behind his home located between Broadway and West South Street. When there is a rain the alley turns into mud due to a drainage issues. Utilities Superintendent John Archambeault made note of the problem.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones said that in his research he found different statutes that dealt with selling property and donating property. If the Council would like to donate property to Habitat for Humanity then Derek recommended creating an ordinance to do so. Vice President Walker moved to have Derek prepare the ordinance and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Handheld Meter Readers:

Due to obsolete software issues with the current handheld meter readers Clerk-Treasurer Jones has requested the approval to replace the old readers with new ones from HD Supply Utilities in the amount of \$10,480. Council Member Rowe moved to allow the purchase of the new handheld readers and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Vacation of Alley:

Derek said that he had spoken with Patty Jones about the status of the petitions and she indicated that they had not been submitted as of yet. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

4TH A Bration Request:

Andy Stone gave the Council a list of expected expenses and changes in activities for the 4TH of July celebration. The total expenses prior to donations come to \$4,920. The Council wants more financial information about the Promotional Fund before voting. The issue was tabled until the March 20TH meeting.

Mediacom Contract:

President Null received a call from a Mediacom representative pertaining to the renewal of their contract. President Null will have Clerk-Treasurer Jones locate the contract for Derek to review.

CLAIMS

Derek Jones read the top five claims totaling \$202,610.20 which represented 75% of the total docket. The claim docket totaled \$267,687.00. Council Member Rowe moved to accept claims 220 through 267 and Council Member Jones 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 Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously. President Null thanked everyone for coming. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer