

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21ST, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Minutes from the August 7TH Regular Council Meeting were submitted for approval. Council Member Jones moved to accept the minutes as presented and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

No citizen input this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones said that, as far as he knows, things are moving forward with the North Michigan Storm Water Project on the survey.

Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the Attorney Report and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2013-10/ 2014 Salary Ordinance:

After some discussion Vice President Walker moved to give all full time employees including the Clerk-Treasurer a \$500 pay increase for 2014 and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion failed two to three with President Null and Members Jones and VanDerWeele opposing. More options were tossed around. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to table the issue and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried three to two with Vice President Walker and Council Member Rowe opposing.

Uptown Church Festival:

After some research and finding no opposition or special permits needed from INDOT it was decided that the Argos Ministerial Association could host a music festival Sunday, September 15 from 4pm to 6pm uptown with Council approval. Council Member Rowe moved to allow the festival and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2014 Budget Calendar:

Clerk-Treasurer Jones gave the Council a copy of the 2014 Budget Calendar noting the county non-binding review Monday, September 9TH. The public hearing will be on September 18TH and the adoption will be on October 4TH.

Website Update:

Clerk-Treasurer Jones said the revised and updated town website is now live. There are several pages on the site that will need information added and as those functions are learned by the department heads the site will be regularly updated.

NEW BUSINESS**Stop Signs at West & South & Williams & West:**

There were concerns from a citizen about slowing speeders on South Street at West Street due to the number of children playing in the four corner area. Police Chief Rodney Rudd made the recommendation to make the intersection at West and South a 4-Way stop and to change the 3-Way stop at the less traveled Williams Street and West Street intersection to a one way stop on Williams. Chief Rudd also made the point that even though there had not been any accidents reported it is always safer to have a four way stop than a two way. After a brief discussion Vice President Walker moved to make the changes recommended by Chief Rudd and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Argos ADA Transition Plan:

Clerk-Treasurer Jones said that a public meeting is scheduled for September 4TH at 7:15pm to answer any questions about the plan. The transition plan is scheduled to be adopted on September 18TH.

Plan Commission Opening:

Plan Commission Member Teresa Welborn had to resign her position due to moving out of town. President Null said to post for the opening.

Marshall County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan:

President Null has set a training session with all elected and appointed personnel for 6pm, September 4TH.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Utilities- Utilities Superintendent John Archambeault said that they were looking into chip and seal for some of the street paving projects for this year.

Police- Police Chief Rodney Rudd said that the newly hired patrolman Officer Donald Davis will be ready for the road soon.

Fire- There were no questions for Fire Chief Mark Dean.

EMS- There were no questions for EMS Director Rich Miller.

Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept Department Head Reports and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones read the top five claims totaling \$72,450.46 which represented 75% of the total docket. The claim docket totaled \$95,684.86. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept claims 835 through 889 and Vice President Walker 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 VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously. President Null thanked everyone for coming. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer