

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Mark VanDerWeele called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Minutes from the August 5TH Regular Session for approval. Council Member Rowe moved to accept the minutes and Vice President Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Resident Brenda Hutchison read a statement expressing her anger about the anonymous letter that was mailed to residents of the town about Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones. Resident Jan Heuer also expressed her disgust about the letter as well. Each of the Council Members present claimed that they were not responsible for the letter. President VanDerWeele stated that what he read was all public information and Vice President Umbaugh said that what she read was factual but agreed that it was wrong that it was sent out.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Derek Jones said that work is moving forward on the septic system at the Ruh residence. Utilities Superintendent Jim Burroughs concurred. Council Member Rowe moved to accept the Attorney Report and Vice President Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Openings- MC Tourism, Maple Grove Cemetery and Redevelopment Commission:

Letters of interest for the Argos Redevelopment Commission were submitted by Julie Campbell and Robert Luce. President VanDerWeele appointed Mr. Luce to the Argos Redevelopment Commission. Also, Doug Good resigned from the Maple Grove Cemetery Board effective the end of August. That position must be filled by a resident of the town and be affiliated with the Democratic Party.

Debt Restructuring:

Vice President Umbaugh expressed that the town should move forward on restructuring some debt to save interest paid on the water bonds. The matter will be looked in to. Also, President VanDerWeele noted that we are in the process of working on our core balances for investments.

NEW BUSINESS

RTC Fiber:

President VanDerWeele said that they are currently working on numbers for Phase 1 and Phase 2. He will know more after meeting with RTC on Thursday.

CLAIMS

The August 19TH docket claims totaled \$267,600.41. President VanDerWeele moved to accept claims 796 through 850 with questions on claims 806 and 845 and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried two to one with Vice President Umbaugh abstaining.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Utilities- Superintendent Jim Burroughs gave a summary of current projects. Mr. Burroughs requested an executive session for personnel matters. President VanDerWeele set the meeting for Wednesday, August 26TH for 6 PM.

Police Department- No questions for Chief Corey Bowman this meeting.

Fire Department: No questions for Chief Mark Dean this meeting.

EMS- EMS Director Rich Miller was not present at this meeting.

Vice President Umbaugh moved to accept the Department Head Reports 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 Vice President Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Mark VanDerWeele, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer