

**PUBLIC HEARING
Argos Town Council
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 05,2018**

Member Suzanne Umbaugh made a motion to open the public hearing.
President Null then asked for public comment on the 2019 budget.
With none heard. Member Snead made a motion to close the public hearing.
Vice President Johnson seconded, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 05, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:34PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

Minutes from the August 15, 2018 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Snead moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Colburn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

STELLAR-

Jon G. VanDerWeele updated the Council on the Stellar initiative and told them that they need their support by voting for Resolution 2018-8 which provides \$280,000 over a four-year period. A portion of the funds for three projects in Argos First, would be Phase 1 of the walking trails to link the School and our Parks. Second, would be adding more sidewalks to our town and third, would be a new housing addition. These will only be possible if Marshall County is awarded the Stellar designation.

MCEDC Report- Mark Umbaugh stated that there is interest in the new manufacturing center.

CITIZEN INPUT -

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones stated that 3 easements have been recorded and that 3 more will be recorded soon. He stated he would have more input on upcoming agenda items.

SRO Officer-

Argos School Superintendent Ned Speicher spoke to the Council about the funding for a SRO Officer. He was asking for a verbal commitment that the Town would hire the officer and pay a portion of their salary. The school received a grant that so far is renewable every year from homeland security and would pay a portion of the SRO officers wages. Vice President Johnson motioned to pledge the money necessary to hire an SRO Officer. Member Colburn seconded, motion carried unanimously. Superintendent Speicher thanked the Council and now he will bring their commitment to the Argos

School Board and proceed from there.

After a discussion about hiring the officer with Chief Bowman, he requested permission to hire 2 officers since one was already being hired to fill an empty position. Member Snead motioned to allow Chief Bowman to hire two officers instead of the one already being considered. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Board Openings-: Plan & Police Commission-

Plan Commission still has openings. Two letters of interest were submitted to the Council for the vacant seat on the Police Commission. One from Harrison Partin and one from Ronda Davis. Both of them met the requirements. After discussion, Member Colburn motioned to appoint Harrison Partin to the Police Commission. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Fire Ordinance 2018-4 - This Ordinance would state what fees will be charged by our Fire Department for services. This has been discussed at the prior meeting and an open workshop. After clarification of charges by Attorney Jones, Member Snead motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2018-4 as written on all three readings. Member Colburn seconded, motion carried unanimously. Attorney Jones will now advertise the rates and start working with AccuMed on a contract for billing.

Other Old Business:

President Null stated that he did inquire about the Kawasaki Mule that was mentioned at the last meeting and that the speed would be around 23 MPH. After more discussion with Chief Bowman and others in the audience President Null stated more research would need to be done.

NEW Business:

Jamie Lindstrom – Wayfinding Signs and New Street Truck -

Superintendent Lindstrom presented the Council with the final draft of the wayfinding signs they were changed to fit location of Police/Fire/EMS. Council agreed they looked great and to proceed with ordering them. Then Superintendent Lindstrom presented two quotes for trucks since the street department truck was hit and totaled. After review Member Snead motioned to purchase the 2019 Ford truck. Member Colburn seconded, Motion carried unanimously.

1st Reading of Ordinance 2018-5 (2019 Budget)-

After a brief discussion Vice President Johnson motioned to accept Ordinance 2018-5 as written on the first reading. Member Snead seconded, motion carried 4 to 1 with President Null abstaining due to being on the fire department.

Resolution 2018-8 (Stellar) –

After brief discussion Member Snead motioned to accept Resolution 2018-8 as written. Member Colburn seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

Member Snead stated that the grant writer Shannon McLeod would be willing to come and talk with the Council on September 19th at 6:30p.m. President Null stated he would call a workshop to be held at that time. Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney will post the workshop.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the September 5,2018 claims which totaled \$379,738.01 Vice President Johnson moved to accept claims #1039 through #1123 and Member Colburn seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Snead moved to adjourn the meeting and Vice President Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer