

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019**

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 Charles R. Snead, Members Suzanne Umbaugh, Dylan Colburn, Shawn Harley, Attorney Derek Jones and Clerk /Treasurer Lisa Mullaney.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the February 20,2018 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Harley moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Citizen Carol Arnett mentioned that their will be a blood drive at the United Methodist Church on March 21st

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones informed the Council that the Town has been named in a foreclosure for Terrance and Kellie Shei. They have a HUD grant loan for \$10,000 which is to be paid at any time or at the sale of the home. Attorney Jones stated this would not require that he be present at the court hearing but that he would send a letter to the court letting them know that he represents the Town in this matter. Member Umbaugh motioned have Attorney Jones file a response and keep the Council informed on this matter. Vice President Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones then presented Parking Ordinance 2019-3. After a long discussion Member Harley motioned to accept Ordinance 2019-3 on the first reading. Vice President Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously. Attorney Jones will present the revised Ordinance with “no overnight parking from 3 am – 6 am” at the next Council meeting.

Attorney Jones present Resolution 2019-3 EMS Resolution to the Council. Vice President Snead motioned to accept the Resolution as written. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

CCG Bids:

Attorney Jones discussed the Community Crossing Grant bids for two projects in Argos. First project is the Colonial Estates Project. The second is Westview Court and Woodland Trail. At the last meeting the bids were presented to the Council. Attorney Jones informed the Council that if they were thinking about not awarding the bid to the lowest bidder, then the council must state in the minutes the factors used to determine which bidder was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder to justify the award.

Based upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lindstrom and doing some research, the Council determined that the bid for the Colonial Estates paving project, as submitted by John Ward Concrete and Excavation, was not the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

The Council determined that Ward was not the lowest responsive bidder because:

Ward is not a pre-qualified contractor listed with INDOT as required by IN Code 8-23 -10 et. seq. and IN Code 4- 13.6-4 et. seq. They are not listed as of 2-14-19 on that INDOT list. Immediately prior to this meeting Attorney Jones checked this list again, and they were still not listed.

The Council determined that Ward was not the lowest responsible bidder because:

1. Reputation of not paying vendors.
2. Reputation of unsafe work practices.
3. Reputation of poor-quality work.
4. Reputation of failure to comply with state law concerning equipment.
5. A concern of the ability of Ward to perform the work, especially the transporting of concrete given the distance from which he is located.
6. Concern of lack of experience in this locale.
7. Concern of poor reviews from other customers and clients.

Vice President Snead made a motion to not award the Colonial Estates project to John Ward for the reasons listed above but instead to award the project to Walsh and Kelly. They were the next lowest bidder and met the requirements. Member Colburn seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Member Harley then motioned to award E&B Paving the contract for Westview Court and Woodland Trail. They were the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

With no more business to present to the Council, Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the attorney's report. Vice President Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Other Old Business:

Mr. Harrison Partin submitted a letter of resignation for the Argos Police Commission. Citizen Ronda Davis submitted a letter of interest to serve on the Argos Police Commission. Member Harley motioned to appoint Ronda Davis to the Argos Police Commission. Member Colburn seconded motion carried unanimously.

NEW Business:

Wastewater Testing Equipment -

Superintendent Lindstrom asked the Council for permission to purchase equipment for testing at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. This equipment will cost around \$5,700 but will save the town money on testing supplies in the future. Member Umbaugh motioned to allow Superintendent Lindstrom to purchase this equipment. Vice President Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

None

CLAIMS

The March 6, 2019 claims which totaled \$298,426.09 Member Umbaugh moved to accept claims #207 through #271. Member Colburn seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney requested a workshop to discuss financial matters with the Council. President Null called for a workshop on May 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Vice President Snead moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Harley seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer