

Workshop for EMS Building – 6:00 P.M.
Cemetery Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY APRIL 19,2017**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Dustin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

Minutes from the April 5, 2017 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Vice President Null motioned to accept the minutes with fixing one typographical error and Member Snead seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT –

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones stated that since the old Speedway gas station has been removed that there is no need to have a hearing with the Redevelopment Commission.

Attorney Jones drafted a lease agreement for the shell building and has since sent it to the MCEDC with no response as of yet.

The closing on the land purchase at Colonial Estates is scheduled for Monday, April 24th at 11:00 a.m.

Applications for Variance of Use/ Special Uses and Site Development were presented to the Council for approval. Member Snead motioned to accept the applications as written to be used by the Town of Argos. Member Stauffer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Member Stauffer motioned to accept the Attorney Report, member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Board Openings/ MC Tourism, Cemetery Board, BZA and Plan Commission:

Openings still available for the MC Tourism, Plan Commission. Ed Barcus was appointed by President Johnson to serve on the Redevelopment Commission. Phillip Scott was appointed to serve on the Plan Commission by President Johnson. President Johnson also appointed Pete DeVos to the BZA he is the Plan Commission appointment to the BZA from the Town.

Other Old Business:

The Fire Department received \$6000.00 from a grant and that left \$8,103.00 needed to complete the gear washer/Dryer and detector project for the department. Earlier the Town Council voted to pay 50% of the remaining costs after the grant. Since the Fire Department did not receive the full amount of the grant Vice President Null made a motion for the Town to pay \$4,051.51 or 50% of the money still needed. Member Snead seconded motion carried unanimously.

NEW Business:

Ordinance 2017-3 –Amendment of Chapter 104(Water)

This Ordinance was found to have old information in it and was presented on the first reading only. Member Snead motioned to read Ordinance 2017-3 on the first reading only. Member Stauffer seconded motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-6 Amendment of Chapter 108 (Sewer)-

Vice President Null motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2017-6 as written. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-7 – Code Enforcement:

Member Umbaugh motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2017-7 as written. Member Stauffer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-8 – Amending Written Payment Agreements:

Member Snead motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2017-8 as written. Vice President Null seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-13 – Donation Fund:

This Ordinance establishes a donation fund under the General Fund. Vice President Null motioned to suspended the rules and pass Ordinance 2017-13 as written. Member Stauffer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-14 – Redevelopment Fund:

This Ordinance establishes a Fund for the Redevelopment Commission use under the General Fund. Member Stauffer motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2017-14 as written. Vice President Null seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-15 – IMPA Economic Development Rider:

This Ordinance adopts IMPA's Economic Development for utility rates for customers that consume over one mega-watt of power. Member Snead motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2017-15 as written. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

Two bids were received and opened by Attorney Jones to tear down the old library building. The first was from Linker Service Inc. in the amount of \$72,160.00. Second was received from Jackson in the amount of \$35,000.00. Vice President Null motioned to award the job to Jackson in the amount of \$35,000.00. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

A workshop over the Ems Building was held earlier at 6:00 p.m. They are estimating renovation would cost \$50,000 to \$60,000 dollars. According to Marshall County Building Commissioner this should fix the problems over there and is the best possible solution. The Council will work on getting quotes for the work.

Vice President Null stated he would like to see a letter go out to 405 S. Michigan St. regarding a unsafe building. Building Inspector DeWitt will get a report together next week. Attorney Jones will follow up.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Bowman gave the monthly Police Department Report. Superintendent Burroughs gave a report on employee changes and when the controls for the Water Plant would be installed. Assistant Superintendent Lindstrom gave a report about repairs that are needed at the Sewer Plant. He estimates the cost to be around \$60,000.00 and is included in the 5-year plan. He would also like to install catwalks and manhole covers to make it safer to work. Vice President Null motioned to allow Assistant Superintendent Lindstrom to start on the repair of the Sewer Plant. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously. A discussion was had about the new ambulance getting new tires. Vice President Null motioned to accept the department head reports. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the April 19th claims which totaled \$83,029.14. Member Umbaugh moved to accept claims #410 through #462 and Member Stauffer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Snead moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Stauffer seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer