

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY May 04, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President Dustin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**MINUTES:**

Minutes from the April 20<sup>th</sup> Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Stauffer moved to accept the minutes and Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN INPUT:**

Jerry Chavez brought forth two items for Council approval. First was the towns comprehensive plan. He would like to negotiate on behalf of the town with MACOG to have them revamp the comprehensive plan done by Ball State for the town. He needs a task force to meet with MACOG two members of the Town Council and two members from Redevelopment Commission. The Council assigned Member Suzanne Umbaugh, and either Member Charles Snead or Vice President George Null depending on who was available. The Council also asked Dylan Colburn and Paul Stearns from the Redevelopment Commission. Second item was a marketing video for the town Mr. Chavez is negotiating price for multiple communities who want these. The marketing firm Big Idea will put together a video for the town for around \$3000.00. Vice President Null motioned to pay the \$3000.00 for the video, Member Umbaugh seconded. Motioned passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Attorney Report:**

Attorney Derek Jones contacted Greg Haschel for lease Marshall County Ham Radio Club. Mr. Haschel didn't know if the club had liability insurance but thought may be able to fall under the counties EMA Insurance. He will check into that. Attorney Jones sent a letter to the Tune in Corp. in regards to the pole installation on grove street. He has received no response. Attorney Jones also stated the Plan Commission just had a meeting regarding the rezoning of 506 W. Broadway. Plan Commission voted to forward the petition in the form of a resolution to the Council in favor of allowing the rezoning. That will be brought forth at the May 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Last item was an unpaid parking ticket by Stephanie Nifong. It should have only been a \$30 fine if paid on time. Attorney Jones at the request of Chief Bowman made an attempt to collect the unpaid ticket. They received a judgement of \$438.00 with no response from her until the court date for collection on April 25<sup>th</sup>. At that time, she wanted to negotiate the amount of payment, Attorney Jones told her to appear before the Town Council on May 4<sup>th</sup> she failed to appear at this meeting. Attorney Jones will proceed with collection efforts. Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the attorney report, Member Stauffer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Old Library Building – Chester Gamble:**

Chester Gamble from CTG Associates, INC. gave a presentation on to renovate the old library building. He gave cost estimates ranging from doing the shell of the building for \$65,000 - \$100,000 to a full renovation of \$365,000. That price is negotiable depending upon who does the work. Council will meet for a workshop in the next few weeks to discuss a plan for the building.

**Rebuilding the Water Reservoir-**

Mr. Jim Burroughs Utility Superintendent for the town presented a rough estimate to rebuild the water reservoir on 17<sup>th</sup> road. In 2014 this was brought before the Council and never acted upon. The estimate then was \$48,000 it is unclear what it would be today. Vice President Null motioned to start the renovation on the reservoir, Member Snead seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

President Johnson read a letter from Marilyn Jones resigning from the Redevelopment Commission. Openings still available for the MC Tourism, Cemetery, Plan Commission, Redevelopment and BZA.

**Other Old Business:**

**Resolution 2016-2:**

Vice President Null wanted to discuss how the downtown buildings would not pass the building and fire inspections. After a long discussion they moved forward to discuss it later in the meeting.

**Green Slope Cemetery –**

Member Umbaugh inquired if the names were submitted for the memorial. President Johnson and Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney stated names were turned in on April 26<sup>th</sup> to Alan Earl. We have not received final quote as of now.

**NEW Business:**

**CEDIT and LOHUT Taxes:**

Marshall County Commissioners presented an email asking if Argos Town Council would support these additional taxes. After explaining what the money would go for Member Snead made a motion to support the CEDIT and LOHUT taxes. President Null Seconded, motion carried unanimously. Marshall County will now vote to see if the taxes will be implemented.

**EMS Billing:**

Member Snead brought forth a proposal to raise our ambulance rates and have ACCUMED a leading billing company start collecting for our EMS runs. Comparing we spend around \$6,636 to bill out EMS now and with ACCMED we could potentially cut the cost to \$4,017 per year. After a discussion Member Snead motioned to at least have ACCUMED come and present to the Council an overall of what services they provide. Vice President Null seconded, motion carried unanimously. Our EMS rates have not been revised since 2009 a revised Ordinance on EMS rates will be presented to the council at the next meeting.

**MR. Boroff-**

Complaints were brought before the board about Mr. Boroff's neighbor yard, stray cats and other issues. President Johnson said he would look into complaints and get back with Mr. Boroff.

**CLAIMS**

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the May 4<sup>th</sup> claims which totaled \$264,522.54. Clerk Treasurer Mullaney asked the Council to approve giving \$200 to the Library Summer Reading Program. Vice President Null motion to approve the \$200.00 to the program. Member Stauffer seconded, motion passed Member Umbaugh moved to accept claims #472 through #531 and Vice President Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2016-2:**

After much discussion it was decided to leave the resolution as written because violations should be fixed before approval.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business brought before the board Vice President Null moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Stauffer seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 P.M.

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Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

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Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer