

Council Workshop – 6:00p.m.

Topics of employee benefits were discussed.

Public Hearing - Farm Lease – 7:24p.m.

Attorney Jones stated the intention of the Town to lease the acreage owed by the Town on 17th Road for farming in 2017. They will advertise it starting Oct. 31st and bids will be accepted until Dec. 19,2016. The bids will be opened on the December 21st meeting. Public Hearing adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Dustin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:37PM.

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 November 2nd Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Umbaugh stated the Old Library section was a carry over and needed removed. Member Snead moved to accept the minutes and Member Umbaugh seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT –

None

JERRY CHAVEZ – MCEDC REPORT:

Mr. Chavez gave his report for the month of October thru November 14th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Derek Jones stated after doing some research the town would need to get a minimum of three bids and have an action plan before proceeding with tearing down the old library. REMC joint petition has been approved by the IURC and was presented for approval to the Council Members. Vice President Null made a motion to accept the agreement from REMC. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously. Attorney Jones presented the Farm Lease Resolution 2016-10. Bids will be accepted thru Dec. 19th. Vice President Null made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-10. Member Stauffer seconded, motion carried unanimously. Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the Attorney report. Vice President Null seconded, motion carried unanimously.

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

Openings still available for the MC Tourism, Plan Commission, Redevelopment and BZA..

Other Old Business:

None

NEW Business:

None

Other New Business –

Employee Health Insurance-

Earlier in the workshop preceding the meeting two insurance plans were presented to the Council for their

consideration. United Healthcare and Anthem, United Healthcare was a renewal and Anthem was a new quote which included dental, vision, life and accidental death policies. The Anthem quote was less money for the town and better deductibles for the employees. The dental and vision policies were comparable but the Anthem was less money for the Town. The Council liked the idea of only one insurance card instead of three. Vice President Null made a motion to accept the quote from Anthem starting Jan. 1st for all policies. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Salary Ordinance for 2017:

Vice President Null stated before looking at 2017 Salary Ordinance the 2016 Salary Ordinance needed to be corrected. Harrison Partin's wage should read \$15.00 an hour and General Laborer would read \$13.50 - \$15.00 an hour. Vice President Null motioned to accept the changes. Member Stauffer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2016-12 Cell Phone Stipend:

The benefit for cellphone stipend only applied to some full-time employees and not others. Ordinance 2016-12 will include all full-time employees and supersedes any previous cell phone stipend Ordinances. Member Stauffer motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2016-12 on all three readings. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

Chief Bowman presented three estimates for a police car budgeted for 2017. He recommended going with Town and Country Auto Sales as they were the least expensive and included the light package. Vice President Null motioned to allow Chief Bowman to order the new police car for next year from Town and Country Auto Sales in the amount of \$24,494.00. Member Snead seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Bowman presented his monthly report to the Council. Assistant Superintendent Jamie Lindstrom presented the Utility Department Reports in the report he outlined many projects that have been completed and some that are still being worked on. Chief Mark Dean gave a report for the Fire Department. An update was given about Jim Burroughs the Utility Superintendent's medical condition after the accident on Nov. 3rd. He is doing well and in therapy. Vice President Null motioned to accept the Department Head Reports. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Interest on Investments:

Clerk Treasurer Mullaney brought forward interest on a CD that the Town has invested will mature on Dec. 2nd. She was asking if the Council would like to reinvest that interest or move it to the main bank account. Member Snead motioned to reinvest the interest earned. Member Stauffer seconded, motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the November 16th claims which totaled \$120,734.92. Member Snead moved to accept claims #1299 through #1352 and Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Thank You:

Vice President Null wanted to thank Assistant Superintendent Jamie Lindstrom for stepping up while Superintendent Burroughs is still healing from his accident.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Vice President Null moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Stauffer seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer

