

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President Dustin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**MINUTES:**

Minutes from the March 3rd Regular Session were submitted for approval. Vice President Null moved to accept the minutes and Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN INPUT:**

Member Umbaugh stated that Donna Burroughs had announced that Marshall County was chosen as one of the six areas to participate in the Promise Indiana Plan. As a result, Argos Schools will be participating. Robert Luce' submitted a letter of resignation for the Redevelopment Committee due to not being able to serve on both the BZA and Redevelopment.

**Ralph Booker and Chuck DeWitt** - Mr. Booker and Mr. DeWitt made a presentation to the board about how the town could choose not to have a BZA or Plan Commission. They could choose to turn it over to the county but would involve a process. Council thanked the gentlemen for their presentation and no decisions made and no discussion.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Attorney Report:**

Attorney Derek Jones stated he met with Jim Burroughs and Jamie Lindstrom regarding The REMC rights to service certain property. Attorney Jones stated they will meet with representatives from REMC in April. Also April 6<sup>th</sup> Attorney Jones will not be at the council meeting he will try to send someone from his office.

Vice President Null moved to accept the Attorney Report, Member Umbaugh seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Green Summit Update:**

List of names have been procured from the Argos Library and Marshall County Historical Society. Talk of putting Veterans names on the side of the monument. So project is moving forward.

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

No interest in MC Tourism, Cemetery Board, Plan Commission and BZA.

**Other Old Business:**

**Resolution 2016-2:**

President Johnson proposed 10 amendments to Resolution 2016-2. After a long discussion President Johnson made a motion to accept the resolution with the changes, Member Stauffer seconded. Motion was defeated 3 to 2 with Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney voting. After another long discussion Member Stauffer made a motion to accept amendments with the inspection clause being for the whole building and not just the façade. Vice President Null seconded motion passed 3 to 1 with Member Umbaugh opposing.

**Robert Luce' Old Library Building:**

Mr. Luce' brought up the repair of the old library building. It was brought before the Council last year but never acted upon. After a discussion it was decided to bring in Chester Gamble from CTG Associates to discuss moving forward on repairs. Member Umbaugh stated she thought the town should be getting bids and Attorney Jones stated he would look into the bidding process.

Vice President Null made a motion to have Chester Gamble come to a Council meeting to advise them on how to

proceed. Member Stauffer seconded. Motion passed 3 to 1 with Member Umbaugh opposing.

**NEW Business:**

**Flowers for Planters Uptown:**

Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney presented a plan for flower planters uptown. Jane from the Argos Library was kind enough to put together a plan for the planters and will be volunteering her help in planting them and obtaining the flowers. \$800.00 will be needed for the 13 planters. Vice President Null made a motion to appropriate \$800.00 for the planters. Member Stauffer seconded, motion passed unanimously

**Jerry Chavez – MCEDC:**

Mr. Chavez would like to have an executive session with the Town Council. Attorney Jones said he would look into it.

**Argos Community Development Corp:**

The Argos Community Development Corp. presented a request for \$10,000.00 donation from the town for the Argos Summer Kickoff Festival. They are not having the 4<sup>th</sup>- A- Bration this year and the town usually donates to that. Vice President Null made a motion to donate \$10,000.00. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**Other New Business:**

Dylan Colburn submitted a receipt for the conference he attended for Redevelopment committee. Member Stauffer motioned to reimburse Mr. Colburn, Vice President Null seconded, motion passed unanimously. Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney brought up LOIT disbursement for May 1<sup>st</sup>, 75% must be used for MVH. Twenty-five percent could go to rainy day fund or all into MVH. Member Umbaugh motioned to put 75% MVH and 25% Rainy Day. Member Stauffer seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**Department Head Reports:**

Reports were read by Chief Bowman for Police, Jim Burroughs for Utilities, and Vice President Null read Fire Department Reports.

**CLAIMS**

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the March 16th claims which totaled \$243,227.88. Vice President Null moved to accept claims #274 through #333 and Council Member Stauffer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Signs for Town Land:**

Vice President Null asked about signs for the land for sale by the town. Jerry Chavez stated he would look into getting signs from Vanadco so they would be purchased locally. Vice President Null motioned for \$1,200.00 to be used to buy two signs 4' x 8' for the land with Jerry Chavez being in charge of getting the correct information on them. Member Stauffer seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**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