

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:41PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present for the meeting: President George Null, Vice President Charles R. Snead, Shawn Harley, Erica Partin, Mary Gibson, Attorney Derek Jones and Clerk -Treasurer Lisa Mullaney.

**TROYER PRESENTATION DOWNTOWN SQUARE:**

Troyer Group presented the final layout for the downtown square project. Member Partin motioned to approve the layout. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes from the September 2, 2020 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Gibson moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

The new pastor and his wife introduced themselves to the Council.

Jon G. VanDerWeele thanked Val Harley and Charles R. Snead for heading up the TGIFriday's, they were a huge success.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Attorney Report:**

Attorney Jones informed the Council that he was proceeding with court for 118 N. Maple St., 311 West St and 210 N. Maple St.

Attorney Jones also stated that he was meeting with Member Harley and Chief Bowman over the Nuisance Ordinance.

With no more business to present to the Council, Member Harley motioned to accept the attorney's report. Member Gibson seconded; motioned carried unanimously.

**Board Openings: Plan Commission & BZA-**

Plan Commission and BZA has openings

**Zoning Violation Procedure:**

After the last meeting, Clerk Treasurer Mullaney, Chuck DeWitt and Attorney Jones have implemented a procedure for dealing with complaints on zoning enforcement issues.

**Other Old Business:**

None

**NEW Business:**

**Halloween -**

After a discussion, Member Partin motioned to allow Halloween for businesses and residential to take place from 5pm to 7pm on October 31<sup>st</sup> for anyone who chooses to participate. The Council strongly encourages social distancing. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**EMS Rate Changes-**

Accumulated sent over billing changes for EMS and Fire that could be implemented. These included charging for lift assists and refusals. After discussion, Vice President Snead motioned to have the changes made to the Fire/EMS Charges Ordinance to be voted on the next meeting. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**New Town Sign:**

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney stated the town sign in front of the Municipal Building has been having mechanical issues. Vanadco Signs said the replacement parts are getting harder to find. Mark VanDerWeele stated that a new sign should be looked at and the Council has new sign quote in their packet. After a discussion Vice President Snead motioned to accept Option D of the proposal. Member Harley seconded; motion carried 4 to 1 with Member Gibson opposing.

**Other New Business:**

Vice President Snead asked the Council for \$140 for a banner for the Octoberfest. They will print the first Saturday in the on the banner, so it is reusable. Member Gibson motioned to allow the purchase of the Octoberfest banner. Member Partin seconded: motion carried unanimously.

**Department Head Reports-**

All department heads submitted their reports for review.

Chief Bowman had Officer Holowpeter from the MCSD explain the new software Marshall County is purchasing for the Sheriff's Dept. The cost for the Argos PD to participate would be \$3,100.00. Member Gibson motioned to allow the purchase of the new software. Member Partin seconded: motion carried unanimously.

Member Harley motioned to accept the department head reports. Member Gibson seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**CLAIMS**

The September 16, 2020 claims totaled \$162,538.45. Member Harley moved to accept claims #977 through #1024. Member Gibson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business brought before the board Vice President Snead moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Partin seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

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George Null, President

ATTEST:

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Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer