

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting: President George Null, Vice President Dave Walker, Members Linda Jones, Casie Rowe, Mark VanDerWeele, and Town Attorney Derek Jones.

MINUTES

Minutes from the April 2<sup>ND</sup> Regular Council Meeting were submitted for approval. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the minutes and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MARK & LEASIA CLEARY- ARGOS MOBILE HOME PARK

Mark and Leasia Cleary own Colonial Court located on Marshall Street in Argos. The couple talked about the positive changes they are making to the existing mobile homes and their plans for filling the empty lots. The Cleary's expressed their appreciation to Marshall County Building Inspector Chuck Dewitt and the Argos Electric Department for their input and help in developing a plan of action and working on the upgrades that need done. Both of the Cleary's talked about what an asset Brenda Peters has been as the manager in helping with repairs and maintaining the property.

The Council thanked the Cleary's for coming to the meeting and for what they are doing at Colonial Court.

CITIZEN INPUT

Bill Githens, candidate for County Council District 2, introduced himself and asked for support at the Primary Election.

Barney Beers talked about a number of issues.

Kurt Garner, candidate for County Commissioner District 1, introduced himself and asked for support in the May Primary.

Resident Harvey Trump expressed his issues with parking restrictions on Plum Street for church parking.

OLD BUSINESS

**Attorney Report:**

Attorney Jones said that he did not have anything to report other than discussing other items on the agenda as they are addressed.

Council Member Rowe moved to accept the Attorney Report and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Hoosier S.T.A.R.T. Retirement Program:**

Vice President Walker moved to authorize town employees to participate in the S.T.A.R.T. Retirement program with no matching funds from the town and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**BZA and Plan Commission Openings:**

No letters of interest at this meeting.

**Petition to Rezone Development Land:**

Derek Jones explained the petition and process to the Council and that they also need to appoint a representative of the town for the petition. Vice President Walker moved to accept the Petition to Rezone and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Council Member Rowe moved to appoint Council Member VanDerWeele as the town representative for the Petition to Rezone and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance 2014-6/ Parking and Traffic Amendment:**

After discussion, Council Member Rowe moved to table the decision on Ordinance 2014-6 and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously. A Parking Issue workshop was set for 6pm May 7<sup>TH</sup> and President Null set an executive session following at 7pm.

**NEW BUSINESS****Resolution 2014-3/ Quarterly Power Tracker Rate:**

Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept Resolution 2014-3 and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Library Summer Reading Program Request:**

The Argos Public Library is kicking off their Annual Summer Reading Program and is requesting donations. Council Member Jones motioned to donate \$200 towards the program as has been done in the past and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Other New Business:**

Clerk-Treasurer Jones set a budget meeting with Eric Walsh from Umbaugh and Associates for April 23<sup>RD</sup> at 6pm with the Council and available department heads.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Utilities-** Superintendent Jim Burroughs talked to a structural engineer about the old library and it will cost around \$1,500 to get a report from him. Vice President Walker moved to get the structural report and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Street Department Truck #17 is in need of a new bed and leaf springs. Vice President Walker moved to fix Truck #17 and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim Burroughs asked the council permission to hire part time help for mowing. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to allow Jim to hire part time help and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Police-** Police Chief Rudd asked the Council for permission to hire two back-up school crossing guards. Currently Susan Stearns has been taking Susie Denny's place while Susie heels from injury. Vice President Walker moved to allow the hiring of two back-up school crossing guards and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Fire-** Fire Chief Mark Dean said that Tanker 3 is getting ready for repairs and the cost will be

between \$3,500 & \$4,000.

**EMS-** There were no questions this meeting.

Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept Department Head Reports and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept claims 337 through 378 in the amount of \$230,546.11 and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board, Council Member Rowe moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously. President Null thanked everyone for coming. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

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George Null, President

ATTEST:

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Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer