

**TOWN OF ARGOS
PUBLIC HEARING- VACATION OF ALLEYWAY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC INPUT

President Null explained that the public hearing was to vacate an alley that currently splits parcels owned by Shirley Montgomery and Charles and Jodie Elmore. The two property owners would like the alley vacated for property tax purposes. There was no public input.

CLOSE OF HEARING

President Null closed the hearing at 7:40pm.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Minutes from the April 3RD Regular Council Meeting were submitted for approval. Council Member Rowe moved to accept the minutes as presented and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Susie Denney requested a new battery for charging the flasher at the crossing guard shack.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones reported that he contacted a Mediacom representative about the lease agreement that the Council voted on at the previous meeting and they said the contract wouldn't be ready for another month.

Mr. Jones also made the Council aware of a lawsuit that was filed and that the liability insurance company for the town has retained counsel for the matter.

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

Ordinance 2013-6/ Vacating Alleyway:

The Council conducted a public hearing prior to the regular session to complete the required process of vacating an alley. Property owners Shirley Montgomery and Charles and Jodie Elmore petitioned to have an unused alleyway vacated for tax purposes. Vice President Walker moved to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2013-6 on all three readings and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Argos Redevelopment Commission Member Appointment:

President Null Appointed Argos School Board Member Kirk Nellans as the non-voting member of the Argos Redevelopment Commission.

Part Time Hours Redefined:

Clerk-Treasurer Jones informed the Council about workshops she attended about the new healthcare law that takes effect January 1ST, 2014. Part time employees defined by the federal government for health insurance reasons are employees that work 30 hours a week or 130 hours monthly. Clerk Jones suggested that the Council might want to redefine part time hours to avoid having to offer benefits to part time employees. The Council took the suggestion under advisement and will discuss further at budget time.

NEW BUSINESS

Argos Library Request:

The Argos Library is gearing up for their annual summer reading program and is requesting a donation again from the town. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to donate \$200 to the program as they have done in the past and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

School Request:

The Argos High School MOCD Special Education class is looking for sponsors for their 1ST Dragon Olympics field day. Vice President Walker talked about what the event and felt that it is a worthy cause. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to not donate to this event based on the policy set of not donating to individual groups and Casie seconded. The motion carried four to one with Vice President Walker opposing.

Department Head Reports:

Utilities- President Null talked with Utilities Superintendent John Archambeault about setting poles out at the cemetery.

Police- There were no questions for Chief Rudd this meeting.

Fire- There were no questions for Fire Chief Mark Dean

EMS- There were no questions for EMS Director Rich Miller.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones read the top five claims totaling \$752,777.53 which represented 96% of the total docket. The claim docket totaled \$780,760.75. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept claims 369 through 427 and Vice President Walker 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 8:20 PM.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer