

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 2013**

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, Town Attorney Derek Jones and Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones.

MINUTES

Minutes from the November 6TH Regular Council Meeting and public hearing were submitted for approval. Vice President Walker moved to accept the minutes as presented and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Barney Beers inquired about citizens' rights with attorney Jones and President Null discussed the power tracker and electric rate on Mr. Beers' utility bill.

Owen Fluckey talked about his concerns with adding a sidewalk on Indiana Avenue without green space separating the sidewalk from the road.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones updated the council on the farm lease progress noting that bids will be opened at the second meeting in December.

Also, Mr. Jones discussed a suit that was received in the Clerk's office pertaining to a mortgage foreclosure. Vice President Walker moved to not respond to the complaint and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Plan Commission and BZA Opening:

There were no letters of interest as of this meeting. President Null said to keep advertising for the positions.

Cell Phone Stipends:

Clerk-Treasurer Jones asked the Council to consider allowing first deputy Candi Weller have a monthly cell stipend for the increased usage of her personal cell phone during and outside of work for work related communication. Upon further review and discussion the Council found that the ordinance creating the cell phone stipend policy needed some changes. The issue was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2013-11/ Holidays for 2014:

The holidays listed on the ordinance are the same as 2013. Vice President Walker moved to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2013-11 on all three readings and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried four to one with President Null opposing.

Ordinance 2013-12/ Credit Card Policy:

Attorney Jones created a credit card policy per the standards required by the State Board of Accounts for Council review. There were a few suggestions for changes such as eliminating the Walmart credit card and adding supervisor approval for purchases in Section 4. Vice President Walker moved to pass Ordinance 2013-12 on the first reading and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Employee Holiday Dinner:

After discussion Council Member Rowe moved to allow a holiday dinner for all employees and their guest with the total amount not to exceed \$1,000 and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

B&R Request:

The Marshall County Extension Homemakers sent a letter requesting the use of the B&R Community Building on the 4TH Tuesday of each month during 2014. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the request and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Utilities- Superintendent John Archambeault said that he looked into solar powered stop signs and they were expensive.

Police- There were no questions for Chief Rudd.

Fire- There were no questions for Chief Dean

EMS- Director Rich Miller talked about redoing the contract for medical assistance with Fulton County. Council Member Jones moved to accept Department Head Reports and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones read the top five claims totaling \$84,901.99 which represented 88% of the total docket. The claim docket totaled \$95,588.86. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept claims 1123 through 1160 and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board, Council Member Rowe moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously. President Null thanked everyone for coming. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer