

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19TH, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Council Vice President Dave Walker called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 March 5TH Regular Council Meeting were submitted for approval. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the minutes as presented and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried with Member Jones abstaining.

HOOSIER S.T.A.R.T. PROGRAM

Todd Williams, Retirement Plan Counselor for Hoosier S.T.A.R.T., gave the Council information about how the retirement plan works, what the benefits to employees are and how it differs from PERF. After a few questions Vice President Walker and other Council Members indicated that they needed more time to review the retirement program and thanked Mr. Williams for coming to the meeting.

CITIZEN INPUT

Tammy Dickeson from the 4-H Fair Board asked the Council for their permission to hold a 5K run on the opening night of the fair (July 13TH). The route will be similar to the 5K runs that were held last year. After a brief discussion about the route and watering stations Council Member Rowe moved to allow the race and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones said that the house on South Maple Street that was burned in a fire last year is being demolished and removed.

Derek gave a quick explanation of a bankruptcy suit brought against the town and their collection agency Martin Financial. Clerk-Treasurer Jones verified that the town liability insurance company had secured an attorney to handle the case.

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

Dumpster for Building Materials:

The Council discussed pros and cons about providing a dumpster for building materials for the residents. Currently the town contracts trash and recycling pickup once a week with large item pickup in the spring and fall and building materials are prohibited. The cost of renting the dumpster could be over \$1,000 depending on how full it gets. President Null moved to try the dumpster in the fall and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried four

to one with Vice President Walker opposing.

BZA and Plan Commission Openings:

As of this meeting there have been no letters of interest for the positions.

Petition to Rezone Development Land:

The first step in getting the development land rezoned from Agriculture (AG) to Heavy Industry (HI) is to petition the town. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to petition the town to rezone the development land to Heavy Industry and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Downtown Flower Planters:

Clerk-Treasurer Jones had been looking to replace the whisky barrel flower planters with something bigger and more permanent. Catalogue planters were around \$800 each and similar in-house built planters would be around \$150 each. Clerk Jones requested the approval for 10 planters. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to approve the planters if the manpower is available and President Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Lineman Apprentice:

Jim Burroughs introduced Joshua Salazar as the best qualified candidate he recommends for the Lineman Apprentice Program. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to hire Mr. Salazar for the position and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The Council welcomed Joshua to the team.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2014-4/ Window Tint:

Argos Police Chief Rodney Rudd said that the ordinance adopts Indiana Code 9-19-19-4 that addresses the issue of window tint on motor vehicles. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to suspend the rules and pass on all three readings and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution for National Lineman Appreciation Day:

Jim Burroughs said that Resolution 95 was passed by the U.S. Senate last year honoring lineman. The Indiana Municipal Electric Association is encouraging local councils to acknowledge the National Lineman Appreciation Day as April 18TH. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to recognize S. Res. 95 designating April 18TH as National Lineman Appreciation Day and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried four to one with President Null opposing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Utilities- The Council acknowledged John J. Archambeault for his 36 years of dedication to the Town of Argos in his capacity as a Journeyman Lineman and Utilities Superintendent.

Police Dept. - There were no questions for Rodney.

Fire Dept. - There were no questions this meeting.

EMS – There were no questions this meeting.

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

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones presented claims to the Council. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept claims 234 through 278 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 8:32 PM.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer