

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 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, Town Attorney Derek Jones and Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones. Mark VanDerWeele was absent.

MINUTES

Minutes from the December 4TH Regular Council Meeting were submitted for approval. Vice President Walker moved to accept the minutes as submitted and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Employee Jim Burroughs thanked the Council for the employee dinner on behalf of all the employees.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones opened the farm lease bids. William Voreis' bid was \$287.78 per acre and Tom Schwenk's bid was in the amount of \$205.00 per acre. Vice President Walker moved to accept the highest bid at \$287.78 and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Jones will notify the bidders.

Vice President Walker moved to accept the Attorney Report 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.

Annual Christmas Decorating Contest:

First Place- Ken Nifong, Second Place- Vicki Crum, Third Place- Patricia Belcher.

Cell Phone Stipend Ordinance Issues:

Vice President Walker moved to table the issue and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Maple Street Parking:

Police Chief Rodney Rudd gave his position on street parking problems during emergencies and snow removal which is to make all streets No Parking that are less than 18 feet in width per the town ordinance. President Null opened the discussion to the public. Shari Hoffer and daughter Elizabeth of 217 South Maple Street, Don Wahls representing 201 South Maple Street and Paul McCarthy of 409 North Maple Street expressed similar concerns about parking. Some of the concerns were about not enough off street parking when company visits or no off street parking available. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Council Member Rowe would head up a committee to discuss street parking problems and then report back to the Council with their recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2013-14/ 4TH Qtr Power Tracker:

Vice President Walker moved to accept Resolution 2013-14 and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2013-13/ Abolishing the B&R Fund:

Clerk-Treasurer Jones explained that the fund runs a negative balance and the State Board of Accounts recommended to abolish the fund then run expenses through a line item in the General Fund. Council Member Rowe moved to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2013-13 on all three readings and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Election of 2014 Officers and Liaisons:

The Council will vote for officers and assign liaisons at the first meeting in January when all members are present.

2014 Meeting Times:

Vice President Walker moved to keep all meetings on the same schedule as 2013 with January meetings set for Wednesday, January 8TH and the 22ND and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Utilities- There were no questions for John.

Police- There were no questions for Chief Rudd.

Fire- There were no questions for Chief Dean.

EMS- There were no questions for Rich Miller.

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

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones presented the top five claims totaling \$352,928.01 and the total of the docket was \$517,437.07. Council Member Rowe moved to accept claims 1175 through 1287 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 Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously. President Null thanked everyone for coming. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer