

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President George Null 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, and Town Attorney Derek Jones. Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones was absent.

MINUTES

Minutes from the March 19TH Regular Council Meeting were submitted for approval. Vice President Walker moved to accept the minutes and Council Member VanDerWeele moved to seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

JULIE LAUCK- Argos Community Schools Superintendent

Superintendent of Argos Community Schools, Julie Lauck, gave the Council an overview of the school budget shortfall and explained the deficit to dispel any rumors that have been going around. One of the ways to tackle budget constraints is through attrition. The school is planning on not replacing the teachers who are retiring. After a few brief questions the Council thanked Julie for coming and explaining the plans of the school with their budget.

MARSHALL COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION UPDATE

MCEDC Board Member Don Mahoney gave an update of upcoming meetings and happenings and introduced Derek Spier, Economic Development Specialist for the MCEDC. Derek went over the MCEDC Annual Report pointing out specific development projects throughout the county. President Null thanked them for coming.

CITIZEN INPUT

Charlie Howard gave the Council praise for the good job they have been doing.

Barney Beers talked about a number of issues.

Heath Thornton, candidate for County Commissioner District 1, introduced himself.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones talked about the ordinance that amends Chapter 61 with regards to parking/traffic rules for the town. Council Member Rowe moved to table the ordinance until the next meeting to have more time for review and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

BZA and Plan Commission Openings:

Argos resident Pam McCoy submitted a letter of interest to the Council to be appointed as a member of the Plan Commission. Council Member Jones moved to appoint Pam to the Plan

Commission and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Petition to Rezone Development Land:

Derek Jones gave an overview of the petition process and what is involved. Mr. Jones is going to prepare the petition for the Council and projects that the re-zoning to be complete in June or July.

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

The Council decided to hold off discussion to see if employees were interested.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2014-5/ Amending Violations Bureau

Derek Jones went over the changes to the ordinance which fixes fees that needed to be added or changed for continuity. Vice President Walker moved to pass Ordinance 2014-5 on all three readings with changing the window tint and grass fine both to \$50 and reduced to \$25 if paid within 72 hours and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried three to two with President Null and Council Member Jones opposing.

Miscellaneous Other New Business:

Jim Burroughs said that there was an employee insurance workshop that needed to be scheduled at 6:30 before the next meeting to discuss options with TCU agent Brian Liechty. The Council agreed to the time.

Mr. Burroughs gave some updates on leaf and limb clean-up now that the weather has changed.

Resident Pete Devos expressed his concerns about the conditions of the alleys with the enforcement of the street parking.

CLAIMS

Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept claims 279 through 336 in the amount of \$150,480.20 and Council Member Rowe 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 VanDerWeele 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