

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21,2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:34PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present for the meeting: President George Null, Vice President Dustin Johnson, Members Suzanne Umbaugh, Charles R. Snead, Dylan Colburn, Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney and Attorney Derek Jones.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes from the March 7,2018 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Snead moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Colburn seconded. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Vice President Johnson abstaining due to absence.

**CITIZEN INPUT –**

Val Harley gave a presentation about TGIF Argos having three food truck Fridays in the summer. They need to know if the town's liability insurance would cover this and can they close the streets up town. Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney will look into insurance and TGIF Argos will call INDOT about street closure. The Council made a declaration of support for this.

A letter from citizen Jerry Becker was read regarding the need for bathroom facilities at Memorial Park. President of the Park Board Ed Barcus said it has been discussed and is part of the parks 5 year plan as long as funds are available.

Jane from the Argos Library is hosting a Hoots N Howls night at the library and is looking for a \$50 donation to pay the bird handler. Vice President Johnson made a motion to donate \$50 towards the Hoot N Howl night. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**MARSHALL COUNTY DISPATCH:**

Representatives from both Walnut and Green Township Boards were at tonight's meeting to address the fees Marshall County is charging for dispatch. In 2017 both townships entered into agreements with Marshall County for dispatch services. In the mean time the Town of Argos has agreements with both townships to pay a portion of all expenses of the EMS and Fires Services. In this regard the townships are paying twice for dispatch services. They are going to terminate their agreements with the County and are asking for a separate line item on their annual billing from the town for dispatch services. The Council is in agreement with that and Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney will be asking Marshall County for a detailed billing of the town and townships from now on.

**MCEDC REPORT:**

Mark Umbaugh gave the report from the MCEDC.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Attorney Report:**

Attorney Jones asked if Jerry from the MCEDC has contacted anyone about deeding the land on Dewey St. back to the Town of Argos? Mark Umbaugh from the MCEDC stated that he should **contact** Jerry. Attorney Jones stated he would contact him.

Attorney Jones then presented the Council with Ordinance 2018-1. This ordinance adopts the new **schedule of rates and charges** for the electric department. **The ordinance does not modify the actual rates, but only changes portions of the text of the schedules.** This also alters Chapter 105 of the town code. After discussion Vice President Johnson made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance 2018-1 on all three readings. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the attorney report. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Board Openings- Plan Commission and Redevelopment Commission.**

Openings still available for the Plan Commission.

**Other Old Business:**

None

**NEW Business:**

**Money for Planters and Community Garden:**

After a discussion Member Snead stated he might be able to get a group to water the planters uptown. He will let Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney know. Dawn Johnson will volunteer her time tending to the Community Garden again this year. Member Colburn motioned to allow a budget of \$1,000.00 for both the flower planters and Community Garden. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Colonial Estates Building Contract – CMD**

After discussion and review of the proposal for 12 new houses built by the end of 2019 in the Colonial Estates Subdivision Member Umbaugh motioned to support working with CMD and the Argos Redevelopment Commission to have new housing brought to Argos. Member Colburn seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Other New Business –**

None

**Department Head Reports:**

Chief Corey Bowman presented the police department monthly report to the Council. Utility Superintendent Lindstrom gave his report.

Superintendent Lindstrom stated there are 8 security lights on the road thru the park as discussed at the last meeting, the Council could waive payment of the lights by the Park Board. Vice President Johnson motioned to stop charging the Park for 8 security lights. Member Colburn seconded, motion carried unanimously.

President Null gave a report for the Fire Department.

Vice President Johnson motioned to accept the Department Head Reports. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**CLAIMS**

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the March 21,2018 claims which totaled \$221,177.58. Vice President Johnson moved to accept claims #324 through #392 and Member Umbaugh seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business brought before the board Vice President Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

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George Null, President

ATTEST:

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Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer