

**TOWN OF ARGOS
PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Dave Walker called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting: Vice President Dave Walker, Members Linda Jones, Casie Rowe and Mark VanDerWeele, Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones and Town Attorney Derek Jones. President George Null was unable to make it to the hearing.

DISCUSSION

Attorney Derek Jones talked about the farm lease agreement and explained that it was similar to last year. The lease is for one year and bidders will be bidding on all town owned tillable land at a price per acre.

There was no public input for this hearing.

Council Member VanDerWeele moved to close the hearing at 7:20pm and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave Walker, Vice President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting: President George Null, Vice President Dave Walker, Members Linda Jones, Casie Rowe and Mark VanDerWeele, Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones and Town Attorney Derek Jones.

MINUTES

Minutes from the October 15th Regular Session were submitted for approval. Council Member Jones moved to accept the minutes with the claims correction and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Resident Brenda Hutchison thanked the street crew for doing a good job on leaf pickup. Resident Suzanne Umbaugh asked questions about the Do It Best Hardware claim.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Mr. Jones said had prepared the Nepotism Certificates for the Council and the Clerk-Treasurer to sign. Derek confirmed that the unsafe structure on the Boulas property had been torn down. No further action is needed.

Derek presented the water tower agreements with Fourway Computers and RTC. Council Member Jones moved to accept the lease agreement with RTC and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Walker moved to accept the lease agreement with Fourway and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones presented Resolution 2014-8 which spells out the terms of the farm lease agreement to the bidders. Vice President Walker moved to accept Resolution 2014-8 and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the attorney report and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2014-11/ 2015 Salaries:

After a brief discussion Vice President Walker moved to pass Ordinance 2014-11 on the third reading giving a 2% pay increase for all full time employees with the exception of those employees that were not recommended for an increase by the superintendent. Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried four to one with President Null opposing.

Ordinance 2014-12/ 2014 Salary Amendment:

Council Member VanDerWeele moved to pass Ordinance 2014-12 on all three readings which amends Jamie Lindstrom's position to the Assistant Utilities Superintendent at \$60,000 annually and \$65,000 annually for Utilities Superintendent Jim Burroughs and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Wastewater Certification:

Employee Doug Middleton received his wastewater certification after successfully completing his training. Vice President Walker moved to allow the \$.25 pay increase for Mr. Middleton and Council

Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2014-7/ Tax Abatement Policy:

MCEDC Director Jerry Chavez talked to the Council about the abatement policy and encouraged them to form a committee to discuss other incentives to go along with tax abatement. Council Member Jones moved to pass Resolution 2014-7 and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Green Summit Cemetery Marker:

Businessman Chris VanDuyne talked to Jerry Gates about a marker to honor the deceased at the now abandoned Green Summit Cemetery located in Memorial Park. Both Chris and Jerry agreed to pay \$400 each towards the purchase of the sign which would cost around \$1,000. Vice President Walker moved to agree on a three way split with the town of up to \$400 and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Jones read the top five claims totaling \$78,659.00 which represented 65% of the total docket and the claim docket totaled \$120,838.84. Vice President Walker moved to accept claims 995 through 1059 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 Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously. President Null thanked everyone for coming. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer