

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Dustin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting President Johnson, Vice President George Null, Member Suzanne Umbaugh, Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney and Attorney Derek Jones.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the July 05, 2017 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the minutes and Vice President Null seconded, motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT –

Mr. Chuck Calhoun and his wife asked the Council for credit on their water bill due to a leaking toilet. The Council stated he receive a credit on his sewer bill but since the water had processed through or system due to faulty equipment that sewer credits would be would still be applied but no further credits would be offered. Vice President Null motioned to accept this. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Ed Barcus then stated that he did not feel that giving tax dollars to owners of buildings in the downtown was right. He stated he does not ask for money from the town to fix his house so he can make a profit on it. After a short discussion, the Council thanked him for his comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones announced that Chuck Dewitt was present to give his report on 405 S. Michigan St. Mr. Dewitt then addressed the Council with his concerns about the property. After pointing out the many structural issues with the property, Mr. Dewitt suggested to start with a letter asking the property owner to bring the property into compliance within so many days. Vice President Null motioned to have Attorney Jones draft and send the letter to the property owner. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the Attorney Report, Vice President Null seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Board Openings/ MC Tourism.

Openings still available for the MC Tourism and Plan Commission. President Johnson read a letter of resignation from Mr. Luce' from the BZA. Then he read a letter of resignation from Mr. Scott from the Plan Commission and asked to be appointed to the BZA. President Johnson then appointed Phil Scott to the BZA.

Comp Plan with Non-Profit –

President Johnson stated that he received an email from Mr. VanDuyne stating he no longer is interested in the mural program with the Town. Member Umbaugh asked if he was still applying for the grant as discussed at the last meeting. President Johnson said he would look into it.

Other Old Business:

None

NEW Business:

Superintendent Burroughs Resignation –

President Johnson read a letter of resignation from Jim Burroughs. Member Umbaugh then motioned to appoint James Lindstrom as Interim-Superintendent. Vice President Null seconded, motion carried unanimously.

MEDEC Report:

Mr. Chavez gave his monthly activity report.

Paving:

A discussion was had about bidding the work outlined in the Community Crossing Grant. Vice President Null motioned to start the bidding process for the work. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously. Attorney Jones will advertise the public notices and Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney will make sure the spec sheet is done.

Other New Business:

Vice President Null wanted to let everyone know that there are building lots for sale. Contact the Clerk/Treasurer's office if interested.

Department Head Reports-

Chief Bowman gave his monthly report.

Interim-Superintendent Lindstrom gave his report on all of the utilities.

Chief Mark Dean gave his monthly report and asked for the Fire Department to be able to purchase a spreader and tela-ram out of the fire billing fund. Vice President Null motioned to allow Chief Dean to purchase both items. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Ed Barcus just wanted to thank the Council for the donation to the Argos Summer Kick Off Festival. Also, he wanted the Council to know that the Park Board is ok to remove the water fountain at Memorial Park and put in the flag pole.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the July 19th claims which totaled \$96,598.80. Member Umbaugh motioned to accept claims #799 through #858 and Vice President Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Vice President Null moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer