

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Minutes from the February 6<sup>TH</sup> Regular Council Meeting were submitted for approval. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the minutes as presented and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY EMA DIRECTOR

Marshall County EMA Director Clyde Avery discussed with the Council what is involved with the Mutual Aid Agreement and how it works. After a few questions and answers President Null thanked Mr. Avery for taking the time to talk with the board.

CITIZEN INPUT

No citizen input this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

**Attorney Report:**

Attorney Jones said that the deed for the 313 North Grove Street property has been recorded. The Council discussed the options of what to do with the property now that the town owned it. It was decided that Council Member Jones would contact Dean Byers with Habitat for Humanity to see if they would be interested in the property and Attorney Jones would look into other options of selling.

**Resolution 2013-2/ Mutual Aid Agreement:**

Derek clarified the authorized designation as being George Null, executive of the town and, in his absence, the Vice President Dave Walker.

Vice President Walker moved to accept Resolution 2013-2, Mutual Aid Agreement and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Vacation of Alley:**

Attorney Jones discussed the statute dealing with petitions for vacating alleys and, although Mrs. Montgomery's petition was well written, there needs to be listed the abutting property owners and some mention of the other name listed on the property deed. The issue was tabled until further information is provided by the petitioner.

**Woodlawn Water Tower Request:**

Attorney Jones provided the Usage Agreement for Woodlawn to utilize the water tower and noted that the agreement was similar to the agreements with Fourway Computers and DC Tech. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the Usage Agreement between Woodlawn and the Town of Argos and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Ambulance Purchase Agreement & Financing:**

Attorney Jones discussed, for the record, with EMS Director Rich Miller that he had contacted several ambulance companies and invited quotes. Mr. Miller conferred. Also, Attorney Jones recommended to the Council to secure financing of the ambulance prior to signing the purchase agreement with Fire Service, Inc. After a brief discussion, Council Member Jones moved to purchase the ambulance through Fire Service, Inc. in the amount of \$131,679.00 and giving President Null the authority to sign the agreement once financing was secured and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

After a brief review of the financing information provided by Lake City Bank and 1<sup>ST</sup> Source Bank, Council Member VanDerWeele moved to allow financing through 1<sup>ST</sup> Source Bank and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Correspondence:**

Local Girl Scout Daisy Troop 398 requested to use the Argos Community Building (B&R) for their meetings and Clerk-Treasurer Jones said that the dates requested are available. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to allow Daisy Troop 398 the use of the community building for the dates requested and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Department Head Reports:**

**Utilities-** Superintendent John Archambeault talked to the Council about the town siren system being fixed to end issues with the batteries and that the siren should be up and running next week.

**Police-** There were no questions for Chief Rudd this meeting.

**Fire-** Fire Chief Mark Dean asked the Council to approve the annual \$5,000.00 matching grant for equipment purchases. Council Member Rowe moved to allow Mr. Dean to apply for the grant and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**EMS-** EMS Director Rich Miller thanked the Council for approving the ambulance purchase.

**Clerk-Treasurer-** Clerk-Treasurer Jones gave a heads up to the Council that the electronic meter readers were no longer able to be updated and supported due to the manufacturer going out of business. The handheld meters for replacement will be around \$11,000. Ms. Jones was not requesting a vote at this meeting and would bring more information for the next meeting.

Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the Department Head Reports and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones read the top five claims totaling \$63,618.13 which represented 75% of the total docket. The claim docket totaled \$83,820.81. Council Member Rowe moved to accept claims 172 through 219 and Council Member Jones 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 8:32 PM.

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George Null, President

ATTEST:

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Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer