

**TOWN OF ARGOS
SPECIAL SESSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Mark VanDerWeele called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting: President Mark VanDerWeele, Vice President Suzanne Umbaugh, Members George Null, Dustin Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones and Town Attorney Derek Jones. Member Casie Rowe was absent.

SPECIAL SESSION BUSINESS

The Council and Attorney Derek Jones discussed what options were available for the town to purchase the two parcels owned by Carolyn Dimmitt up for auction located behind the abandoned Speedway gas station. Derek explained that appraisals are not needed for purchases valued under \$25,000. After discussion, Vice President Umbaugh moved to offer a fair market value of \$8,000 for the two parcels prior to the auction and up to, but no more than \$15,000 for counter offers and or a bidding price at the auction and Council Member Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Council Member Null moved to have President VanDerWeele represent the town for the offer and or bidding at the auction if necessary and Vice President Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to be voted on at this meeting Council Member Johnson moved to adjourn and Council Member Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Mark VanDerWeele, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

**TOWN OF ARGOS
PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Mark VanDerWeele called the meeting to order at 7:34PM.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting: President Mark VanDerWeele, Vice President Suzanne Umbaugh, Members Casie Rowe, Dustin Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones and Town Attorney Derek Jones. Member George Null was absent.

PUBLIC HEARING INPUT ON ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Clerk-Treasurer Jones explained that the Local Road & Street Fund is a fund that can be used for equipment for the street department. The \$33,000 in additional appropriations is to be able to allocate payment towards the cost of a new dump truck that had not been budgeted for.

Resident Jan Heuer enquired as to the total cost of the dump truck which is approximately \$116,000 and to be paid out of LRS Fund and the three utilities.

CLOSING OF HEARING

President VanDerWeele closed the public hearing at 7:36 PM.

Mark VanDerWeele, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Mark VanDerWeele called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting: President Mark VanDerWeele, Vice President Suzanne Umbaugh, Members Casie Rowe, Dustin Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones and Town Attorney Derek Jones. Member George Null was absent.

MINUTES

Minutes from the October 7TH Public Hearing and Regular Session were submitted for approval. Council Member Rowe moved to accept the minutes as presented and Council Member Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

APHEUS SOLUTIONS

Bob Barcus discussed technical issues with the town emails and major security concerns and what he has done to fix the situation. The Council thanked him for coming and explaining the problems.

CITIZEN INPUT

Brenda Hutchison thanked the Council for bringing in the dumpster for residents to use. Mrs. Hutchison also said that she really enjoys seeing the fall decorations downtown.

Resident Robert Luce said that property owners were asking him about a revitalization committee supposedly started by Chris VanDuyne and asked the council if it was sanctioned by the town. The council responded that they knew nothing about it.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Derek Jones said that he met with REMC and their attorney to discuss service territory issues. More research on the history of the service territory is needed to determine the next step.

Mr. Jones handed out the annual nepotism certifications for the town elected officials to sign.

Derek discussed that the council needs to review the current farm lease and decide at the next meeting whether to make changes so that he can get it published for bidders to farm it in 2016.

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

Water Bonds:

Derek said that if the Council chooses to move forward on paying off the water bonds with electric utility funds to save interest there is a process to go through with the bond council and rural development as an earlier email from Eric Walsh explained. Vice President Umbaugh moved to have Derek contact the bond council and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Openings- MC Tourism, Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos Redevelopment Commission:

There was a letter of interest for the Argos Redevelopment Commission from Dylan Colburn. Vice President Umbaugh moved to appoint Dylan and Council Member Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. No other letters of interest this meeting.

Ordinance 2015-9/ 2016 Budget:

Council Member Rowe moved to pass Ordinance 2015-9 on the second and third reading and Vice President Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2015-11/ Additional Appropriations:

Council Member Johnson moved to pass Resolution 2015-11 which allows for the additional appropriations of \$33,000 out of the LRS fund for payment on a new dump truck and Council Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2015-10/ Power Tracker:

Vice President Umbaugh moved to accept Resolution 2015-10 and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

Mr. and Mrs. Pennington told the Council that they were interested in buying the town owned property that adjoins theirs on the corner of Broadway and West. Attorney Jones explained that the land purchase process requires appraisals and then bidding. Council Member Johnson moved to go forward with the process and Vice President Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Utilities- Utilities Superintendent Jim Burroughs was not present at this meeting.

Police Department- No questions for Chief Bowman this meeting.

Fire Department- Fire Chief Mark Dean was not present at this meeting.

EMS- EMS Director Rich Miller was not present at this meeting.

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

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Jones read the top five claims which totaled \$1,396,290.07 and represented 95% of the total docket. The total claim docket was in the amount of \$1,464,130.41. Council Member Rowe moved to accept claims 1033 through 1083 and Vice President Umbaugh 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 Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Mark VanDerWeele, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer