

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST, 2013**

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, Mark VanDerWeele, Town Attorney Derek Jones and Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones. Council Member Casie Rowe was absent.

MINUTES

Minutes from the April 17TH Regular Council Meeting and Public Hearing were submitted for approval. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the minutes as presented and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MCEDC DIRECTOR

Jay Bahr introduced himself to the Council as the new Marshall County Economic Development Corporation Director. Mr. Bahr said that he has been busy getting to know the cities and towns and the business leaders in the county. Mr. Bahr looks forward to working with our community. The Council thanked him for coming to the meeting.

CITIZEN INPUT

No citizen input this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones reported that Patty had wired the final payment and Council Member VanDerWeele signed the documents for the Gardner Estate property closing. It was noted that the tenant farmer will be notified of the transfer of property.

There was discussion about annexation of the land now that the town owns the property. Attorney Jones said that if the Council was interested in annexing just the development land then the process is fairly simple. Vice President Walker moved to go through the petition process of annexation and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones said that he had done thorough research and did not find any statutory requirement to have a public hearing with regard to the electric rate change but if the Council would like to have one they can. Council Member Walker moved to go ahead with setting a public hearing at 7:15pm on May 15TH and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the Attorney Report and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

The Council received a letter of thanks from Habitat for Humanity for the donation of property to their organization.

NEW BUSINESS

Argos School Board Appointment:

The Council had received letters of interest from Ed Barcus and Kirk Nellans. Mr. Nellans was

appointed to the school board by the Council in 2009. Council Member Jones motioned to appoint Kirk Nellans for another term on the school board and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried three to one with Council Member VanDerWeele opposing.

Community Garden Request:

Patty Jones, Argos Community Gardner Coordinator, asked the Council for a donation of \$200 that would go towards fencing, cucumber trellises, and other supplies needed this year. The garden is for providing fresh vegetables, at no cost, for anyone in the community that needs them.

Council Member VanDerWeele moved to donate the \$200 and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

Clerk-Treasurer Jones asked the Council if they would be open to replacing the planters' uptown for flowers because the whiskey barrels were falling apart. The Council said to get them information to review.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Jones presented the April, end of month claims to the council. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept claims 428 through 442 and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board, Council Member Jones moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously. President Null thanked everyone for coming. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer