

**TOWN OF ARGOS
PUBLIC HEARING ON ELECTRIC RATES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15TH, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:19 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC INPUT ON ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE

Resident Owen Fluckey said that he had been pleased with the rates and that we are lucky to keep them lower than most other electric companies.

CLOSE OF HEARING

President Null closed the hearing at 7:21pm

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15TH, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Minutes from the May 1ST Regular Council Meeting were submitted for approval. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the minutes as presented and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

TCU INSURANCE

Brian Liechty of TCU Insurance talked about the increase in employee health insurance and some of the options the Council had as far as deductibles. Brian said that he was able to negotiate the original proposed increase by Medical Mutual of Ohio down to a little over 3% but that, with the full implementation of the Affordable Healthcare Act next year, the future is unclear about where the rates will go. Mr. Liechty recommended that the Council keep the plan with the same deductibles. Also, Brian talked about saving the town around \$1,400 annually by switching the life insurance from AIG to Nabco and the eye insurance from AIG to the current health plan with Medical Mutual. The eye plan will remain the same network and switching the life insurance will allow for open enrollment and to possibly eliminate the supplemental life insurance employees have now.

Council Member Rowe moved to keep the current health insurance plan and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Rowe moved to switch the life insurance to Nabco and the eye insurance to Medical Mutual and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Jan Heuer asked the Council about the 75 acre land purchase and expressed concerns about the purchase when there are other issues with the town's storm water infrastructure east of town and the homes and buildings needing repairs. President Null and Council Member VanDerWeele explained how the opportunity to buy the land came about and how the town could buy it with discretionary monies. Mr. Null talked about the issues with properties in need of repair and that the property owners are responsible.

Resident Barney Beers said that he believes the Council's decision to purchase the property has the best interest of the town and that he hoped everything works out. Mr. Beers thinks that there is a lot of progress being done and hopes that it continues.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones said that the alley vacation ordinance was recorded with the Marshall County Recorder's office. Mr. Jones talked about the farm lease on the recently purchased development land and that lessee's should be notified that their lease will be terminated December 1ST. Council Member VanDerWeele motioned to have Derek send a letter to the current farmers leasing the land to let them know and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Annexation of Development Land:

Attorney Jones looked further at the annexation laws and found that the process to annex the development land would need to include a fiscal plan adopted by the Council. Mr. Jones said that the fiscal plan would not be that difficult to do and that he could have a copy ready by the next meeting. Council Member Row moved to have Derek write the fiscal plan and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2013-7/ Electric Rate:

Council Member Rowe moved to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2013-7 on all three readings and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Miscellaneous New Business:

Clerk-Treasurer Jones said that there will be a public hearing set for June 5TH at 7:15pm for additional appropriations. The public hearing will cover additional appropriations for the General Fund for the development land and Police Department along with the Cumulative Capital Development Fund to take care of the first new ambulance payment.

Department Head Reports:

Utilities- President Null talked to Superintendent John Archambeault about removing the ramp at the old library now that it is no longer in use.

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

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

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

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones read the top five claims totaling \$202,273.18 which represented 71% of the total docket. The claim docket totaled \$286,057.65. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept claims 443 through 531 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 8:42 PM.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer