

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Dustin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting: President Dustin Johnson, Vice President George Null, Member Juli Stauffer, Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney and Town Attorney Derek Jones. Members Suzanne Umbaugh and Craig Ellis were absent.

MINUTES

Minutes from the January 6th Regular Session were submitted for approval. Vice President George Null moved to accept the minutes and Member Juli Stauffer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Certificate of Appointment Form

Attorney Derek Jones submitted a Certificate of Appointment to be used for all committee appointments. Vice President Null moved to accept the form as presented, Council Member Stauffer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

No input this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

**Attorney Report:**

Attorney Derek Jones submitted for review the ad that would be placed to auction off the Electric Departments 1998 Dodge truck with a minimum bid being \$2,000.00. Jim Burroughs asked what the towns liability would be if someone wanted to test drive said vehicle. Attorney Jones stated the town would have to find out that information from their insurance carrier. Vice President Null said we have never had that with any other vehicles the town has sold in the past. It was decided if the issue arose the liability carrier would be contacted. Council Member Stauffer moved to accept the ad as written and have it published, Vice President Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones asked if there were any bids on the property located at Broadway St. and West St. The notice was published in the paper with all bids being due by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney stated there were no bids submitted therefore land will remain property of the town.

Council Member Stauffer moved to accept the Attorney Report, Vice President Null seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ed Barcus – Park Board:**

Mr. Barcus submitted a request to change the 2016 Salary Ordinance because the Park Board had voted to increase Todd VanDerWeele's pay by \$0.25 an hour for obtaining his CLD License back in November. Discussion was made as to how we would make the pay retroactive back to November since final payroll for 2015 and W2's for 2015 have already been processed. It was discussed that maybe some sort of a bonus check for what he would have earned in November and December could be issued this year and the raise would be retroactive back to January 1, 2016. Vice President Null said discussion should be moved to next meeting so the other board members would have a chance to be heard. President Johnson stated that this would be tabled till next meeting.

**Board Openings/ MC Tourism Board and Cemetery Board:**

No letters of intent were submitted.

**Other Old Business:**

No old business was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS****Appointments to the Redevelopment Committee:**

Attorney Jones stated that the 2013 ordinance states that the town council appoints 5 members to the Redevelopment Committee each year. The Council President appoints three members and one non-voting advisor – who must be a school board member. The Council then appoints the other two. President Johnson appointed Judith A. Ditmire as the non-voting advisor, he then appointed Julia Campbell, Dylan Colburn and Robert Luce' to the committee. Vice President Null and Council Member Stauffer then appointed Ginger Calhoun unanimously. Building owner Charles Riddle expressed his interest in being on the committee. Discussion was then had about whether or not a committee member must live in the jurisdiction or could they be a building owner in the town. Attorney Jones was asked to review state statutes to determine the legality of appointing Mr. Riddle to that position. Attorney Jones said he would have that answer at the next meeting. Second board appointment for the Redevelopment Committee was tabled till next meeting.

**Chris VanDuyne – New Business Proposition:**

Mr. VanDuyne would like to see programs like the paint project that was done last year to be done again. This time he would like to see Attorney Jones review the old resolutions and re-write them to make them work better. After a long discussion between Mr. VanDuyne, Chuck Calhoun and Robert Luce' and various other citizens' it was mutual that all parties thought more needs to be done in redevelopment of the downtown area. Most parties agreed they would like to see a solid plan enacted. At the end of the discussion the Council Member Stauffer motioned to have Attorney Jones edit the old resolutions from last spring regarding redevelopment of the downtown area. Vice President Null seconded and it passed unanimously.

**Discussion of inviting Brian from TCU Insurance at possible Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop for employee health insurance:**

President Johnson set a workshop for February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM to decide the amount town employees pay for their health insurance coverage. The board would like Brian from TCU Insurance to be present. Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney will contact him inviting him to be present.

**Other New Business:**

Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney presented a form for President Johnson to sign regarding giving the Clerk / Treasurer's office authority to manage employee PERF accounts.

**Department Head Reports:**

Reports were submitted. Council had no questions. Vice President Null made motion to accept department head reports, Council Member Stauffer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**CLAIMS**

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the January 20<sup>th</sup> claims which totaled \$124,787.55. Vice President Null moved to accept claims 55 through 113 and Council Member Stauffer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business brought before the board, Vice President Null moved to adjourn the meeting

and Council Member Stauffer seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

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Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

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Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer