

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 06, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting President Johnson, Vice President George Null, Members Suzanne Umbaugh, Juli Stauffer, Charles R. Snead, Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney and Attorney Derek Jones.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the August 16, 2017 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Snead motioned to accept the minutes Umbaugh seconded. Motion carried 3 to 2 with Member Stauffer and President Johnson abstaining due to absence.

CITIZEN INPUT –

Citizen Jan Heuer spoke about the trash can ordinance and what the Town could do to make people want to clean up their yards.

Carol Arnett spoke about monetary donations to the Red Cross for hurricane Harvey.

Vice President George Null spoke about the good showing for Argos in the Blueberry Parade.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones stated the letter to the owners of 405 S. Michigan St. and no response was received from the owners of the property. Attorney Jones then mentioned that the Council could proceed with the unsafe building ordinance or Public Nuisance ordinance. Since no one has seen the inside of the structure Attorney Jones also stated it might be a good idea to get an inspection warrant so that Chuck DeWitt can inspect the inside of the building.

Member Snead motioned to have Attorney Jones proceed with obtaining an inspection warrant for 405 S. Michigan St. Member Stauffer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones then stated he reviewed the ordinance for the electric rates and found no problems. The ordinance will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the Attorney Report, Vice President Null seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-19 Salary Ordinance:

After review Vice President Null motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2017-19 as written. Member Stauffer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Roberts Land Proposal –

Mr. Glenn Roberts asked the Council if they made up their mind to buy the parcel of land offered to them. President Johnson stated they had not and set a workshop for Wednesday, Sept 13th at 5:30 p.m. to discuss it and other matters.

Bids for Road Work-

Attorney Jones opened and read the sealed bids for the 2017 road work project.

Phend and Brown – bid received 9-1-17 @2:36 p.m. the amount was \$203,240.00

Walsh and Kelly – bid received 9-1-17 @10:47 a.m. the amount was \$207,205.00

E&B Paving – bid received 9/1/17 @2:22 p.m. the amount was \$186,359.13

After reviewing the bid Member Stauffer motioned to award the job to E&B Paving pending a review of all specs by Assistant Superintendent Middleton. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Flagpole for Memorial Park –

A quote was obtained from MR. Trophy for \$2,123.80 for the new white fiberglass flag pole for memorial park. Member Umbaugh stated she found a white fiberglass pole online for \$1030.00 plus \$395.00 shipping. The Council then discussed the quotes and Vice President Null motioned to accept the quote from Mr. Trophy and buy it local. Member Stauffer seconded, motion carried 4 to 1 with Member Umbaugh opposing.

Board Openings/ MC Tourism.

Openings still available for the MC Tourism and the Plan Commission.

Other Old Business:

None

NEW Business:

Engineering quote – Manufacturing Center-

Superintendent Lindstrom presented a bid for engineering water and sewer at the Manufacturing Center. The bid amount is \$15,500 total and since this was the lowest bid Vice President Null motioned to award the bid to Abonmarche in the amount of \$15,500.00. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

None

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the September 6th claims which totaled \$363,505.96. Member Stauffer moved to accept claims #985 through #1044 and Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Stauffer moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer