

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Dustin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

Minutes from the October 30, 2017 Special Session were submitted for approval. Member Snead motioned to accept the minutes Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously. Minutes from the November 1, 2017 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Vice President Null motioned to accept the minutes as written. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT –

Carol Arnett wanted to remind everyone about the blood drive the next day from 1:30 – 5 pm.

MCEDC Monthly Report –

Jerry Chavez gave his monthly activity report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones stated that he is still looking into the housing at Colonial Estates and how that might be accomplished.

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

Fire Contract Agreement –

Vice President Null would like to verify insurance information before presenting the new contract since the Argos Volunteer Fireman, Inc. rejected the last contract based on the dates starting 1/1/2017.

Board Openings/ MC Tourism.

Openings still available for the MC Tourism, Plan Commission, Redevelopment and the Park Board. Harrison Parting submitted a letter of interest for the Park Board, the Council decided to wait 30 days to see who else might apply.

Other Old Business:

None

NEW Business:

Ordinance 2017-26 Primary Elections –

Attorney Jones explained the pros and cons of having primary elections versus a convention. After a discussion Vice President Null motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2017-26 on all three readings. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Employee Health Insurance -

Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney stated that the employee health plan could raise by 20% this year. She is currently getting other quotes also. Vision, Dental and Life insurance did not raise at all for next year.

Other New Business:

Business owner Judy Richards presented her idea to form an Argos business group call Discover Argos and wanted Council permission to use the name. Vice President Null motioned to all the group to call themselves Discover Argos. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney asked if the Council is holding the Christmas Light Decorating Contest this year. Vice President Null motioned to hold the contest again this year with same rules and prizes as last year. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Department Head Reports-

Chief Bowman gave his monthly report.

Superintendent Lindstrom gave his report on all the utilities

Chief Mark Dean gave a report for the fire department.

Vice President Null motioned to accept the department head reports. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the November 15th claims which totaled \$340,930.57. Member Umbaugh moved to accept claims #1256 through #1342 and Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Gear Washer / Dryer for Fire Department -

Vice President Null stated why the gear washer and dryer were needed. Carcinogens on fire gear has become an increasing problem. He is grateful that Argos received the grant for the ones that were just installed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Vice President Null moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer