

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Council Vice President Suzanne Umbaugh called the meeting to order at 07:35PM.

ROLL CALL

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vice President Suzanne Umbaugh called for nominations for Council President. Council Member George Null nominated Dustin Johnson and member Craig Ellis nominated Suzanne Umbaugh. Dustin Johnson secured the position of President by receiving votes from George, Juli, and himself while Suzanne and Craig voted for Suzanne. Council Member Juli Stauffer nominated Member George Null for Vice President and Council Member Suzanne Umbaugh nominated Member Craig Ellis. George Null secured the position by receiving votes from Dustin, Juli and himself while Suzanne and Craig voted for Craig.

MINUTES

Minutes from the December 16<sup>TH</sup> Regular Session were submitted for approval. Newly elected Vice President Null asked that the words and Council Members be added after Clerk Treasurer in the salary ordinance part of the minutes and winning bid for the farm land lease agreement changed to \$245.00 per acre. Suzanne Umbaugh wanted it the minutes changed to reflect that the vote on the fireman's helmet was actually 4-1 with Vice President Suzanne Umbaugh voting against it. Vice President George Null then made a motion to accept the minutes with changes Member Juli Stauffer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Ruth Milliser wanted to know who was plowing the sidewalks along Plum and Michigan streets. Vice President George Null said he thought it was Shawn Harley. Ruth wanted it noted that he was doing a great job. Another citizen wanted it noted that plowing the walkway in the park was appreciated.

OLD BUSINESS

**Attorney Report:**

Attorney Jones said that the farm lease had been signed by Bill Voris and just needed the signatures of the Council. Then he stated that the ad for the Pennington land had been published and all bids are due by January 15<sup>th</sup> and would be opened at the next meeting January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. A discussion to sell the electric departments 1998 Dodge Ram without the plow resulted in Council asking Ed Barcus for estimated appraisal for vehicle. His appraisal of the value was minimum of \$2000.00. Vice President George Null motioned to sell vehicle in a sealed bid auction with minimum bid being the appraisal amount. Attorney Jones stated he would look into getting that the notice done and present it at the next meeting. Next item was that appointments were coming up at future meetings and the Redevelopment Committee needs to be considered.

Vice President George Null moved to accept the Attorney Report and Council Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Board Openings:**

MC Tourism and Cemetery Board still have openings.

No letters of interest this meeting.

**Other Old Business:**

Council Member Null brought up about Green Cemetery monument and if anyone had been able to reach the group who wanted to help pay for it. Council Member Umbaugh stated she tried to call and received no answer. Vice President Null suggested they try to be reached again.

**NEW BUSINESS****Council Meeting Times:**

Vice President Null moved to keep the council meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7:30pm and Council Member Ellis seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Town Attorney Appointment:**

Council Member Umbaugh moved to re-appoint Derek Jones from the law office of Jones Huff and Jones as the town attorney for 2016 and Member Ellis seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Department Liaisons:**

Newly Elected President Johnson assigned board members as liaisons to the following departments:

Police- Dustin Johnson

Fire- George Null

EMS- Dustin Johnson

Park- Craig Ellis

Utilities- Suzanne Umbaugh

Redevelopment – Juli Stauffer

**Other New Business:**

Purchase of Fire Department cutters:

Chief Mark Dean was requesting purchase of new cutters (Jaws of Life) for the fire department. Vice President Null moved to let them purchase them. Member Stauffer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion of the Town Hall meeting on January 9,2016 at 10 am put on by Jerry Chavez of the Marshall County Economic Development Committee. Member Ellis thought it was too short of time frame to let all citizens know about meeting. Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney informed the board that it was posted to town sign and on Town of Argos Facebook page. Council Member Umbaugh stated that the MCEDC should be posting flyers around town as well. Thus ended the discussion.

**CLAIMS**

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney read the top five claims totaling \$162,445.05 which represented 68% of the total docket and the claim docket totaled \$238,076.60. This did not include the docket for the last claims for 2015. It was included in council's packet but done separately so it could be filed with 2015 paperwork. Council Member Umbaugh moved to accept claims 1 through 54 on the January Docket and claims 1332 through 1352 for the End of December 2015 Docket and Vice President Null 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 8:09 PM.

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Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

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Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer