

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, September 20, 2017**

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, Members Suzanne Umbaugh, Charles R. Snead, Juli Stauffer, Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney and Attorney Derek Jones.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the September 20, 2017 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the minutes and Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT –

Citizen Jan Heuer stated she thought the times for the trash cans to be at the curb should be changed to accommodate everyone's different schedules. She also thought that the turn out for the J-turn meeting was good and everyone seemed to get their point across.

MCEDC Monthly Report –

Jerry Chavez gave his monthly report of activities by the MCEDC.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones will be applying for the inspection warrant in the next few days. Chuck DeWitt the Marshall County Building Inspector will have to do the inspection and write his report. They are hoping to have this accomplished by the next meeting.

Member Stauffer motioned to accept the Attorney Report, Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Board Openings/ MC Tourism,

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

Ordinance 2017-20 Electric Rates –

After discussion and reviewing the rates outlined in the ordinance, Vice President Null motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2017-20 with the changes of: rates will be effective November 1, 2017 and the date of the Ordinance passing to be changed to September 20, 2017.

Ordinance 2017-21 Budget 2018-

President Johnson asked for any public comment on the proposed 2018 Budget. None was heard. Member Stauffer motioned to accept the 2018 budget as written on the first reading. Member Snead seconded, motion carried 4 to 1 with Vice President Null abstaining from the vote due to being on the fire department.

Other Old Business:

Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney informed the Council that the Town of Argos was awarded \$148,050.00 from the Community Crossing Grant that was applied for back in July This is 75% of the paving to be done this year.

A discussion was held about the planters and garbage cans in the downtown area. Clerk/Treasurer

Mullaney and Member Stauffer stated plants were not being watered by the businesses who stated they would and people were destroying the plants. The Council gave their consent to remove the planters as they die off and revisit the topic next year. Also, garbage cans will be removed except on the four corners of the downtown for now.

NEW Business:

Paul Stearns- Redevelopment Commission:

Paul Stearns (President of the Redevelopment Commission) came before the Council to ask for \$4,000.00 to have the lots at Colonial Estates surveyed. He stated there is some issues with where the lines are and it would make a good selling point in the future. The cost of the survey will then be built into the lot prices. Member Stauffer motioned to pay the \$4,000.00 to have the lots surveyed. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business:

Superintendent Jamie Lindstrom presented a pay increase to \$20 an hour for Michael Fishburn based upon the fact that he now has his Municipal class II wastewater treatment plant apprenticeship license. Once he has the hours completed and is made Responsible Operator in Charge then his pay should be \$22 an hour. Member Snead motioned to accept this raise in pay based as presented. Member Stauffer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Department Head Reports-

Chief Bowman gave his monthly report.

Superintendent Lindstrom gave his report on all of the utilities.

Vice President Null gave a report for the fire department.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the September 20th claims which totaled \$117,746.69. Member Umbaugh motioned to accept claims #1045 through #1101 and Member Stauffer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Stauffer moved to adjourn the meeting and Vice President Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer