

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting: President George Null, Vice President Dave Walker, Members Linda Jones, Casie Rowe and Mark VanDerWeele, Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones and Town Attorney Derek Jones.

MINUTES

Minutes from the August 20<sup>TH</sup> Regular Council Meeting were submitted for approval. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the minutes as presented and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

No citizen input this meeting.

SPLASH PAD PRESENTATION

Jim Burroughs gave a power point presentation to encourage the Council to be on board with a splash pad for Argos. The splash pad would be located in the Argos Community Park and has received the blessing of the park board at their last meeting. Jim and his wife Donna have been working on grants to fund the project which would be matching through private donations, the donation of land in the park and through town employee labor to tie in water and electric.

The splash pad Mr. Burroughs is proposing for the site would not use recycled water that needs daily testing and extra chemicals so he is asking the Council to allow for unmetered water that would normally cost around \$7,500 per season.

Mr. Burroughs also asked the Council's permission to have the Clerk's Office handle all monies.

After discussion Vice President Walker moved to approve the splash pad, the donation of water and labor and the Clerk's Office to handle the money and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

**Attorney Report:**

Mr. Jones reminded the Council that the property owners at 401 East Walnut Street had until the 9<sup>TH</sup> of September as their extension for removing the dilapidated structure. Also, the farm lease for the town property will expire soon and we will need to bid it out again.

Council Member Rowe moved to accept the attorney report and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**BZA, Plan Commission & Cemetery Board Openings:**

There were no letters of interest at this meeting.

**Claim Minimums for Liability Issues:**

Clerk-Treasurer Jones talked with town insurance agent Greg Miller about the possibility of placing a minimum amount that the town could pay out on small liability claims. Jim Burroughs will check with other municipalities on how they handle claims of \$500 or less.

**2015 Budget:**

Clerk-Treasurer Jones gave the Council a budget calendar update and it was agreed that they would wait on Umbaugh and Associates to provide them with an updated cash flow chart before setting another workshop.

**NEW BUSINESS****Ordinance 2014-9/ Appropriation Reduction:**

Clerk-Treasurer Jones presented Ordinance 2014-9 which would reduce the MVH 2014 budget by \$47,829 and the Park and Recreation 2014 budget by \$30,000. These amounts represent monies that were originally appropriated to spend this year but will not be. Clerk Jones explained that Pooja and Eric from Umbaugh recommended the reduction so that the cash flow moving forward would be more accurate and then the ordinance would be submitted to the DLGF. After much discussion Council Member Jones moved to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2014-9 on all three readings and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Other New Business:**

Marshall County Economic Development Corporation Director Jerry Chavez requested to have a letter stating that the town wishes to proceed with the Shovel Ready process on the development land. Clerk-Treasurer Jones had drafted the letter and needs to be signed by the Council President.

Council Member VanDerWeele moved to authorize President Null to sign the letter and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**CLAIMS**

Clerk-Treasurer Jones presented the claim docket totaling \$63,358.08. Council Member Jones moved to accept claims 825 through 833 and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business brought before the board, Council Member Rowe moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously. President Null thanked everyone for coming. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

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George Null, President

ATTEST:

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Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer