

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER:

President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: President George Null, Vice President Charles R. Snead, Shawn Harley, Mary Gibson, Erica Partin, Attorney Derek Jones and Clerk -Treasurer Lisa Mullaney.

Public Hearing – Downtown Square:

Member Gibson motioned to open the Public Hearing at 7:35 pm. Member Partin seconded. President Null introduced Shannon McLeod from Priority Project Resources, Inc. She explained the timeline and what to expect with the downtown square grant.

President Null then asked for any public comment either for or against applying for the grant. None were heard.

Vice President Snead motioned to close the public hearing. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously. Public Hearing for Downtown Square Project adjourned at 7:46 pm.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the December 2, 2020 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Vice President Snead moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT –

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones received the signed conflict of interest forms from Jon VanDerWeele, Mark VanDerWeele and Ed Barcus. He also presented the nepotism forms for all the elected officials to sign and give to President Null.

311 S. West St – No progress has been made on removing the trailer from the property. Member Harley motioned to follow the town rules and move the case forward to Derek for court action. Vice President Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

326 W. Church St. – Attorney Jones stated the complaint was ready to be filed.

With no more business to present to the Council, Vice President Snead motioned to accept the attorney's report. Member Harley seconded; motioned carried unanimously.

Board Openings: Plan Commission & BZA-

Plan Commission and BZA has openings

Other Old Business:

President Null announced the winners of the Christmas Light Decorating Contest for businesses and residents.

NEW Business:

Ordinance 2020-17 Fair Housing Ordinance:

After consideration Member Harley motioned to suspend the rules and accept Ordinance 2020-17 on the first reading. Member Gibson seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-20 Authorizing Local Match for Downtown Project:

After consideration Member Harley motioned to accept Resolution 2020-20 as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-21 Slum and Blight :

After consideration Vice President Snead motioned to accept Resolution 2020-21 as written. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2020-18 Salary Ordinance 2021-3:

After consideration Vice President Snead motioned to suspend the rules and accept Ordinance 2020-18 on the first reading. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Review of Fines and Fees:

Member Harley presented a rough draft of the fines and fee schedule. Attorney Jones will review and present at the next meeting.

Renewal of Contracts and Appointments:

Chuck DeWitt Contract - After discussion Vice President Snead motioned to continue with the current contract. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Red Door Marketing Contract - After discussion Member Harley motioned to continue with the contract for Red Door Marketing for 2021 at the same rate. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

MCEDC Contract – After discussion Vice President Snead motioned to continue with the current contract, pay the \$10,000 annual fee and replace the current Argos MCEDC representative with Jon G. VanDerWeele. Member Partin seconded; motion carried 4 to 0 with Member Harley abstaining.

Other New Business:

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the Council with the Community Crossing Grant 2020 second call contract. Member Gibson motioned to have President Null sign the contract on behalf of the Argos Town Council. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Department Head Reports-

All department heads and the Economic Director submitted their reports for review.

Chief Bowman presented the Council with a quote for 6 new police radios. Since there is money left in his budget and they are needed, Member Harley motioned to allow Chief Bowman to purchase the radios. Member Gibson seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Snead presented the Council with a quote to purchase new battery-operated tools for the Argos Fire Department. Member Harley motioned to allow Chief Dean to purchase the tools from the fire budget in 2021. Vice President Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

EMS Director McCallum presented the Council with a quote to purchase 2 Life Packs for the EMS. Member Harley motioned to allow the purchase from the current budget. Member Gibson seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Member Harley motioned to accept the department head reports. Member Gibson seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

The December 16, 2020 claims totaled \$444,955.68. Vice President Snead moved to accept claims from 12/01/2020 through claims 12/14/2020. Member Harley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

President Null thanked Member Gibson for her service after receiving her resignation letter earlier. He told everyone she was an asset to the Town Council and would be greatly missed.

With no more business brought before the board Vice President Snead moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Gibson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer