

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President Dustin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:38 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 June 07, 2017 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Vice President Null motioned to accept the minutes and Member Umbaugh seconded. Minutes from the June 05, 2017 Special Meeting were also submitted for approval. Vice President Null motioned to accept the minutes as written. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN INPUT –**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Attorney Report:**

Attorney Jones announced that he was contacted on June 9<sup>th</sup> by Bill Gethin's who is a county commissioner. Mr. Gethin's just wanted us to know he would be more than happy to help us with any projects or concerns we might have.

Attorney Jones then presented Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney a copy of the Shell Building lease that has been signed by all parties.

Attorney Jones also stated he is still waiting on a report on 405 S. Michigan St. He will contact Chuck DeWitt again.

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

**Board Openings/ MC Tourism.**

Openings still available for the MC Tourism.

**Comp Plan with Non-Profit –**

Member Snead had a conversation with Mr. VanDuyne and they came up with 6 places to put murals. Mr. VanDuyne stated the total cost would be around \$10,000.00 for all six. His non-profit would be willing to pay \$5,000.00 if the Town will match. After a discussion, it was determined an actual quote would be needed and could be presented at a future meeting or workshop.

**SRF Loan Payoff –**

Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney stated the SRF Loan only has two payments left. Since the CD matured one payment was invested there. The other payment we were planning on paying this year. With the advice of Umbaugh Accounting and Investment Services the Council could consider paying off the loan a year early. Member Umbaugh motioned to use the money to pay off the loan this year and wait to invest the balance of the CD in the future. Vice President Null seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance 2017-18 Salary Ordinance with Electric Rider-**

This Ordinance changed the Journeyman lineman's pay to \$32.00 an hour as decided in an earlier meeting. It also revises the Apprentice Lineman pay scale. Member Umbaugh stated that the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent pay should reflect their positions. After a discussion, it was decided to increase the Superintendent with Journeyman status to \$38.00 an hour, Assistant Superintendent with Journeyman status to \$35.00 an hour starting July 1, 2017. Member Snead motioned to suspend the rules and accept the Ordinance with all stated changes. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried 3 to 1 with Vice President Null opposing.

**Other Old Business:**

Member Umbaugh would like to consider hiring an Ordinance enforcement person. Attorney Jones stated that Chuck DeWitt the Marshall County Building Inspector would normally inspect the properties in question and based upon his findings the Town Council would have to decide how to handle each case. Member Umbaugh stated how over worked Mr. DeWitt seems to be. After discussion, it was agreed to table the discussion and consider it further.

Member Snead asked if the bids sheet were sent for the work needs to be done on the EMS building. Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney stated all bids have been sent and are June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Vice President Null wanted to know if the flag pole has replaced at Memorial Park. Member Umbaugh stated the Park Board did not have a quorum therefore did not discuss it.

**NEW Business:**

**MCEDC Monthly Report –**

Jerry Chavez gave his monthly activity report. Mr. Chavez also asked for the Council to co-sign a letter to State Senator Head asking to redesign the highway 31 plans to include economic development. President Johnson said he would sign if he agrees with what the letter states after it is drafted.

**Codification-**

After discussion, this was tabled so that Attorney Jones can look into it.

**School Board Member Appointment –**

Vice President Null stated that Kirk Nellans would stay on since there is no one else interested. Vice President Null then motioned to reappoint Mr. Nellans to the school board. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Other New Business:**

The residents at 109 N. Maple would like two parking spaces on the road. After a discussion, this was tabled until the Council can consider an Ordinance to allow parking at some homes.

**Department Head Reports-**

Chief Bowman gave his monthly report.

Doug Middleton presented the plans for applying for the Community Crossing Grant. He detailed a list of roads that would be milled and paved. Member Snead motioned to allow Mr. Middleton to apply for the grant for the roads that were listed. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Jim Burroughs gave his report on all of the utilities and asked if Harrison Partin could attend the school to obtain his sewer license. Vice President Null motioned to allow Mr. Partin to attend the school. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Other department head reports were read.

**CLAIMS**

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the June 21st claims which totaled \$95,782.89. Vice President Null motioned to accept claims #664 through #733 and Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business brought before the board Member Snead moved to adjourn the meeting and Vice President Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

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Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

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Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer