

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP 6:30 P.M.**

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President Dustin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present for the meeting: President Dustin Johnson, Vice President George Null, Members Suzanne Umbaugh, Charles R. Snead, Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney and Attorney Derek Jones.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes from the November 16, 2016 Regular Session were submitted for approval. There was a spelling correction from owed to owned. Vice President Null moved to accept the minutes and Member Snead seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN INPUT –**

Janet Luce' expressed the need for the street sign on Heritage St to be replaced. Charles Riddle spoke about more attracting new businesses to the area with more advertising.

**Mark Umbaugh – MCEDC Report-**

Mr. Umbaugh will give report next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Attorney Report:**

Attorney Derek Jones presented to the Council the annual certificates of compliance with the Town's nepotism policy. He also presented a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement for Ed Barcus and Jon VanDerWeele. Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney will get them signed and returned to him. Next was the new letter to Speedway Corporation. Vice President Null motioned to have Attorney Jones send the second letter to the Speedway Corporation. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously. Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the Attorney report. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Board Openings/ MC Tourism, Cemetery Board, BZA and Plan Commission:**

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

**Other Old Business:**

Assistant Utility Superintendent Jamie Lindstrom spoke about getting ready to tear down the old library and what time frame the Council was thinking. He would like to get it checked for asbestos. He got a quote for around \$1,800.00 to test it. The Council members and Attorney Jones thought the asbestos check would be a good idea.

Assist. Superintendent Lindstrom let the Council know his choice for full-time employee would be Michael Fishburn Jr. Vice President Null motioned to hire Michael Fishburn Jr. as a full-time employee starting Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

He also brought forth a copy of the payback plan for employee Harrison Partin. It was signed by Mr. Partin and agreed to by Assistant Superintendent Lindstrom. Council looked it over and agreed it was complete.

Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney asked for permission to hire a cleaning service for EMS building and B&R Building. Council

wants a bonded service for the EMS Building and authorized Clerk/Treasurer Mullaney to get quotes.

Mark Thompson told the Council the Fire Department would like to apply for a grant to get a gear wash machine, dryer and two detectors. They are asking for the Council to pledge up to \$900.00 towards 5% of the grant with the fire department matching the \$900.00. Member Snead motioned to give the Fire Department the \$900.00 towards the grant. Member Umbaugh seconded motion carried unanimously.

**NEW Business:**

**Park Board Appropriations:**

Tabled till next meeting

**Ordinance 2016-14 – Paid Holiday's 2017:**

Member Snead made a motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2016-14 on all three readings. Vice President Null seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**Christmas Light Decoration Contest:**

Vice President Null made a motion to have the Christmas Light Decoration Contest for Businesses and Residential customers. Prizes will be the same as last year. Winners will be announced at the next Council meeting. Member Snead seconded, motioned carried unanimously.

**Ordinance 2016-15 – Salary Ordinance:**

Vice President Null motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2016-15 correcting Harrison Partin's pay. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance 2016-16 Salary Ordinance 2017:**

Tabled till next meeting.

**Employee Handbook for 2017:**

Member Umbaugh made a motion to adopt the Employee Handbook with the changes discussed in the Council workshop. Member Snead seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Reach Alert:**

After discussion Vice President Null made a motion to try Reach Alert Services for 1 year starting Jan. 1, 2017. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Other New Business –**

None

**CLAIMS**

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the December 7th claims which totaled \$388,851.50. Vice President Null moved to accept claims #1353 through #1480 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 8:31 P.M.

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Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

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Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer

