

**TOWN OF ARGOS
PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

President VanDerWeele called the public hearing to order at 7:20 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting were President Mark VanDerWeele, Vice President Suzanne Umbaugh, members Casie Rowe, Dustin Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones and Town Attorney Derek Jones.

PUBLIC INPUT

Attorney Jones explained that the town has agreed to selling a small piece of land located at Broadway Street and West Street and reviewed the terms of the sale for the bidding process. Derek also noted that all notices for the public hearing were proper. There was no other public input at this hearing.

CLOSING OF HEARING

President VanDerWeele closed the hearing at 7:23 PM.

President

ATTEST

Lisa Mullaney,, Clerk-Treasurer

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

President VanDerWeele called the public hearing to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting were President Mark VanDerWeele, Vice President Suzanne Umbaugh, Members George Null, Casie Rowe, Dustin Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones and Town Attorney Derek Jones.

MINUTES

Minutes for the December 2ND Regular Session were submitted for approval. Council Member Null moved to accept the minutes as presented and Council Member Johnson seconded. The motion carried four to one with Council Member Rowe abstaining.

MCEDC

Jerry Chavez discussed the Business Incentive Policy with the Council. Vice President Umbaugh moved to accept the Business Incentive Policy and Council Member Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Resident Brenda Hutchison complimented how nice the downtown looked with the decorations. Employee Kim Young thanked the Council for the employee Christmas dinner.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Report:

Derek Jones stated that the Clerk-Treasurer received one bid for the Farm Lease from William Voreis and that it was marked received on time. Derek opened the bid which was for a total of \$245.00 per acre. Council Member Casie Rowe moved to accept the bid and Vice President Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones then discussed the Terms of Sale of town property from the public hearing. Council Member Null moved to accept the Terms of Sale and Council Member Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Derek said that he is delivering the check to USDA on the 18th to pay off the water bonds.

Mr. Jones presented a Conflict of Interest document for Park Board Member Jon VanDerWeele for Council approval. Council Member Rowe moved to accept the Conflict of Interest form and Vice President Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones explained that the prior Council private ballot vote to break the Election Day tie between Dustin Johnson and Randy Snead did not meet statutory requirements for voting in a public meeting and because of that the Council would need to set a Special Session and have the agenda posted no later than 48 hours prior to that meeting. Derek apologized for the

misunderstanding. Vice President Umbaugh moved to hold a Special Session on Wednesday, December 23RD, at 6:30 PM and Council Member Null seconded. The motion carried four to one with Council Member Johnson abstaining.

Council Member Johnson moved to accept the Attorney Report and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Annual Outdoor Christmas Lighting Contest Winners:

President VanDerWeele read the residential winners of the contest which were as follows:

3RD Place- Ken and Jennifer Mackey, 2ND Place- Ken Nifong and 1ST Place- Dale Trump.

Business winners were as follows:

3RD Place- Maria's Lil Bit of Everything, 2ND Place- TJ's Resale and Consignment and 1ST Place- Images Hair Salon.

Board Openings- Marshall County Tourism and Cemetery Board:

No letters of interest this meeting.

Ordinance 2015-11/ 2016 Salaries:

Vice President Umbaugh moved to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2015-11 on all three readings with all full time employees receiving a 3% pay increase and Utilities Superintendent James Burroughs receiving a salary increase of \$5,000. The motion excluded all elected officials. Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried three to two with Council Members Null and Johnson opposing.

Fireman's Helmet:

Council Member Null moved to allow volunteer firefighters to be awarded their duty helmets upon retirement and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried on a vote of 4 to 1.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2015-13/ Transfer of Funds:

Clerk-Treasurer Jones explained that the Town Council Department within the General Fund may run in the negative on the budget amount and that the resolution is for transferring \$3,000 from the Fire Department to cover any additional unexpected expenditures. Council Member Johnson moved to accept Resolution 2015-13 and Council Member Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Promise Indiana:

Vice President Umbaugh explained the Indiana 529 College Savings Plan and encouraged parents and the community to take advantage by participating in the plan and spreading the word about this great benefit.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Utilities- Superintendent Jim Burroughs was absent this meeting.

Fire Department- No questions this meeting.

Police Department- No questions this meeting.

EMS- No questions this meeting.

Council Member Rowe moved to accept the Department Head Reports and Council Member Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Jones read the top five claims totaling \$3,419,034.19 which represented 94% of the total docket. The docket totaled \$3,612,588.62. Council Member Johnson moved to accept claims 1213 through 1331 and Council Member Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

Plaques for years of service were presented to Mark VanDerWeele, Casie Rowe and Patty Jones.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business brought before the board, Council Member Rowe moved to adjourn and Council Member Null seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

President

ATTEST

Lisa Mullaney,, Clerk-Treasurer