

**TOWN OF ARGOS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:32 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 October 1<sup>ST</sup> Regular Session and Public Hearing were submitted for approval. Council Member VanDerWeele moved to accept the minutes as presented and Council Member Rowe seconded. The motion carried with Vice President Walker abstaining.

CITIZEN INPUT

Resident Suzanne Umbaugh asked a question about a claim to Sam's Club. Clerk-Treasurer Jones explained that the claim was an employee payroll deduction and that the town does not pay for the club memberships.

OLD BUSINESS

**Attorney Report:**

Mr. Jones said that the publication for the farm lease public hearing has been submitted to the Pilot News and that the public hearing will be November 5<sup>TH</sup> at 7:15pm.

Mr. Jones had not received a report yet from Marshall County Building Commissioner Chuck Dewitt about the Boulas property. Also, Derek has completed the resolution for the town's policy on tax abatement and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Derek will be working on the tower agreements with Fourway Computers and RTC.

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.

**Ordinance 2014-10/ 2015 Budget:**

Vice President Walker moved to accept the 2015 budget Ordinance 2014-10 on the second and third readings and Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance 2014-11/ 2015 Salaries:**

After much discussion Vice President Walker moved to pass Ordinance 2014-11 on the second reading giving a 2% pay increase for all full time employees with the exception of those employees that were not recommended for an increase by the superintendent. Council Member VanDerWeele seconded. The motion carried four to one with President Null opposing.

NEW BUSINESS

**Resolution 2014-6/ Power Tracker Rates:**

Council Member Jones moved to accept Resolution 2014-6 and Vice President Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

**Utilities-** Utilities Superintendent Jim Burroughs discussed the electric upgrades at the Log House and the drain on Smith Street.

**Police Department-** Chief Rudd read the police stats.

**Fire Department-** There were no questions for Fire Chief Mark Dean.

**EMS Department-** There were no questions for EMS Director Rich Miller.

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

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Jones read the top five claims totaling \$280,484.15 which represented 73% of the total docket and the claim docket totaled \$342,141.16. Council Member Jones moved to accept claims 925 through 994 and Vice President Walker 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 Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously. President Null thanked everyone for coming. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

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George Null, President

ATTEST:

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Patty Jones, Clerk-Treasurer