

Executive Session 6:45 p.m.
Workshop 8:15 p.m.

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President George Null called the meeting to order at 7:35PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

Minutes from the May 15,2019 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Umbaugh moved to accept the minutes as written. Vice President Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Citizen Carol Arnett- Thanked the Council for the \$250.00 donation to the summer reading program at the Argos Library.

Citizen Jane Hall – inquired about barricades for the TGI Fridays on June 14th. Vice President Snead stated he would take care of it.

Citizen Kelly Young of 15340 Michigan Rd. presented a letter stating that her neighbor has chickens that are roaming, beehives that are placed near a neighbor’s child’s playset and an unused truck that they are using for storage purposes. Attorney Jones advised that would be a civil matter. Chuck DeWitt confirmed that the property was zoned (AG) agricultural. Chickens are permitted but they have to contain them to their property. The Council advised them to pursue this as a civil matter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones informed the Council that he would be absent for the July 3rd meeting and was unsure that another attorney would be available. He also stated he filed a case on an ordinance violation that Chief Bowman was pursuing.

Member Harley motioned to accept the Attorney Report. Member Colburn seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2019-7 Electric Ordinance –

After a short discussion about the ordinance providing a new rate classification to the electric rate schedule. Vice President Snead motioned to suspend the rules and accept Ordinance 2019-7 as written. Member Umbaugh seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Chuck DeWitt Report -

The trailers on Hwy 31 are still in process of being moved. He also informed the Council that he feels after working with the Plan Commission and BZA that they have learned a lot and are now fully functioning boards.

Business Application for Log House-

After a long discussion motioned to accept the application as written and award them \$10,000.00. Member Harley seconded; motion failed 2 to 3 with President Null, Member Colburn and Member Umbaugh opposing.

Member Harley then motioned to accept the application as written and award them \$7,000.00. Member Colburn seconded; motion carried 3 to 2 with President Null and Member Umbaugh opposing.

Resolution 2019-5 Economic Development Director -

Member Colburn motioned to adopt Resolution 2019-5 with the change of "full Council" instead of Executive appointment. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other Old Business:

A letter from Mark Harshbarger was received in regard to his interest in being on the Argos Plan Commission. President Null appointed Mr. Harshbarger to the Plan Commission.

President Null presented mowing liens for 301 N. Michigan St in the amount of \$930.00. President Null stated the Argos Community Development Corp has an agreement to purchase the property and would like the liens waived. Member Harley motioned to waive the liens. Vice President Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

NEW Business:

EMS -

EMS Director Sarah McCallum informed the Council that she was called to a meeting in Plymouth with Chief of the Plymouth Fire Department and their EMS Director. They informed her that Plymouth would no longer be able to answer EMS calls for Argos EMS. It leaves Plymouth vulnerable when they are short handed also. They also informed her that in the near future they will bill Argos EMS a flat \$300.00 fee for all medic assisted calls.

Director McCallum is looking at ways to fund the EMS for maybe hiring EMT's. She is also looking at doing some fundraisers.

Resolution 2019-6 Investments -

Clerk - Treasurer Mullaney informed the Council that due to changes in the laws this will no have to be put in place every year rather than every two years. Member Harley motioned to accept the Resolution as written. Member Umbaugh seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution for locking dumpsters -

Clerk - Treasurer Mullaney asked Attorney Jones for a Resolution for locking dumpster lids. It is for the Council to look over and discuss at a later date.

Other New Business:

President Null stated the Parkside Church will be holding its annual Carnival on Aug. 11th and would like to close South St between the hours of 9am - 4pm. Member Harley motioned to allow Parkside Church to close South St on Aug. 11th from 9am - 4pm. Vice President Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Member Umbaugh stated that maybe a letter should be sent to individuals who have volunteered and were appointed to various boards but are not attending the regular meetings. While we appreciate that they are volunteering, most boards cannot meet without a quorum. Other members agreed that a letter should be sent.

Member Umbaugh also stated that it would be helpful if materials meant for the Council would be turned in to the Clerk-Treasurer by noon on the Friday before the meeting. A lot of materials are handed in at the last minute. The Council needs time to review information.

Member Umbaugh stated she attended a meeting of the MCEDC regarding more funding for their organization. CEO/President Jerry Chavez spends a majority of time fundraising and feels he could get more work done if the organization was better funded. Member Umbaugh feels the MCEDC does work a lot for Argos.

Member Harley stated that a citizen tried to use a live trap from the Humane Society and was denied. Member Harley felt that the Town donates a little money to them, and someone should talk to them about services. Member Harley was informed that the Police Department has a couple of live traps and the citizen could contact them.

CLAIMS

The June 5, 2019 claims which totaled \$401,765.99 Member Umbaugh moved to accept claims #565 through #652. Vice President Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Harley moved to adjourn the meeting and Vice President Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

George Null, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer