

Public Hearing @ 7:15 P.M.

The public hearing regarding the land swap with ITAMCO was called to order at 7:15 p.m. with no input from the public Member Stauffer motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Member Umbaugh seconded meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY February 1, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Dustin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: President Dustin Johnson, Members Suzanne Umbaugh, Juli Stauffer, Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney and Attorney Derek Jones. Vice President Null and Member Snead were absent.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the January 18, 2017 Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the minutes and Member Stauffer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT –

Citizen Debi Scott was inquiring about who was doing the Community Garden and how she could volunteer to help. President Johnson stated his wife Dawn Johnson was heading that up again this year and would advertise a meeting to get everyone involved who wanted to help.

Mark Thompson from the Argos Fire Department stated that the grant for the gear washer has been filed in the amount of \$14,103.00 which was the amount needed after the donations approved at the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Derek Jones let Marshall County Building Inspector Chuck DeWitt speak about the condition of the old Speedway gas station. In summary, his report listed many structural issues and in his professional opinion it would cost more to repair than to tear it down. Attorney Jones recommended that he proceed with his letter and a copy of the report from Mr. DeWitt if they do not respond then other avenues could be followed. Member Stauffer motioned for Attorney Jones to proceed with the letter with the changes to the owners of the old Speedway. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones presented Resolution 2017-2 for the land swap with ITAMCO for approval. Member Umbaugh motioned to approve Resolution 2017-2, Member Stauffer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Member Umbaugh motioned to accept the Attorney report. Member Stauffer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

EMS BUILDING:

Marshall County Building inspector Chuck DeWitt has been working with employees of the Town to get repair estimates to fix the mold problem. Mr. DeWitt is confident that the problem can be fixed and Assistant Superintendent Jamie Lindstrom is in the process of getting quotes.

Argos Youth League:

Member Stauffer motioned to allow the Argos Youth League to use the B&R Building for their registration on Feb. 25th and March 4th from 10 am – 1 pm.

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:

Jerry Chavez gave several dates regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Public input period is Feb 3rd – March 3rd. Meeting February 13th to present the plan. Plan Commission will have to meet to adopt the plan on March 13th, then Council will adopt on March 15th. Also Mr. Chavez will like to have an Executive Session on Feb.15th for discussion of purchase of land. He would like to get appraisals of land the Council is looking to purchase. Member Stauffer made a motion to approve Mr. Chavez getting the appraisals before the next meeting. Member Umbaugh seconded, motion carried unanimously.

NEW Business:

Visitors Guide:

Member Umbaugh presented the Visitors Guide as a form of advertisement. Member Stauffer motioned to have only the Town Council pay \$800.00 for a one page ad in the guide. President Johnson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Argos Community Development Corp:

Mark VanDerWeele on behalf of the Argos Community Development Corp. is asking for \$10,000.00 donation from the Council to help cover cost of the festival on June 23rd and 24th this year. Member Umbaugh motioned to donate \$10,000.00 to the festival. Member Stauffer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Reports for January:

Member Umbaugh suggested at the last meeting that the Council Members give reports, Member Umbaugh preceded to read the list of meetings, phone calls and emails that she worked on in January. President Johnson stated he had knee surgery but had managed to answer emails, phone calls and attend some meetings. Member Stauffer who was not present at the last meeting stated she would start keeping track and give her report next time.

Other New Business –

Ed Barcus President of the Park Board stated that the board would like input from the community regarding upgrading Memorial Park. All input would be appreciated.

CLAIMS

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the February 1st claims which totaled \$270,640.87. Member Stauffer moved to accept claims #94 through #148 and Member Stauffer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Stauffer moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Umbaugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Dustin Johnson, President

ATTEST:

