

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Charles Snead called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: Charles R. Snead, Shawn Harley, Erica Partin, Gary Schue Attorney Derek Jones, and Clerk /Treasurer Lisa Mullaney. Member Barcus was absent.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the January 18, 2023, Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Partin moved to accept the minutes as written with the correction of Vice President Harley being absent. Member Schue seconded; motion carried 3 to 1 with Vice President Harley abstaining due to absence.

CITIZEN INPUT –

Greg Hildebrand from the MCEDC gave a update on things they are working on for Argos and Marshall County.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Report:

Attorney Jones stated he has filed three new cases for ordinance violation with Marshall County Courts.

Attorney Jones read the Media Com lease that was sent to Clerk Treasurer Mullaney and stated it is a basic lease agreement for the small building that sits on the back of the Municipal Building property. He has no issues with the lease.

Attorney Jones then stated he has had a few discussions with Attorney Randy Rampola from Barns and Thornburg about restructuring the 2019 Economic Bonds the town gave to Sequel Wire. Attorney Jones then stated it might be prudent to have a vote to allow Charles Snead to sign the bond paperwork after all parties have reviewed it. Vice President Harley motioned to allow President Snead to sign the bond paperwork after it is reviewed and approved by Attorney Jones. Member Partin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones then explained why the Town received the foreclosure papers for 320 E. Walnut St. If the homeowner refinances the foreclosure will end if not, we are in line for a lien that was placed on the property and could receive money after the bank settles.

Cemetery bid opening will be at the next meeting.

Attorney Jones did reach out to Attorney Post, and she will be following up on finishing the Kinsey ordinance violation case.

Attorney Jones is working on the rental inspection ordinance.

Attorney Jones submitted an ordinance on chickens for the Council to review. It will be tabled to a

workshop.

With no more business to present to the Council, Member Partin motioned to accept the attorney's report. Vice President Harley seconded; motioned carried unanimously.

Other Old Business:

None

NEW Business:

Salary Ordinance 2023-1-

After a short discussion this Ordinance will be revised and discussed at the next meeting.

Park Board Opening-

After discussion this will be tabled to next meeting.

Other New Business-

President Snead discussed dissolving the Park Board. After a discussion this was tabled for more information.

Member Schue brought up a few topics of interest:

They included a water plan to increase pressure on his side of town. Superintendent Lindstrom will investigate the problem.

Repaving of Kenilworth Road to the new subdivision. Superintendent Lindstrom is in discussions with the Marshall County Highway Superintendent, but they would want to wait until subdivision is almost completed due to heavy trucks and machinery.

Councilman Schue would like an easement map of the Town.

Lots for sale for a developer for Deer Field. Development Director Mark VanDerWeele stated they were in talks for selling 8 lots to a developer.

Councilman Schue would like to see a Reserve Officer Program for our Police Department. They will consult with Chief Bowman.

Vice President Harley mentioned the hiring of a new police officer Richard Springer.

President Snead mentioned the Fire Territory EMS serviced 38 calls in the month of January.

CLAIMS

The February 1, 2023, claims which totaled \$98,641.51 Member Partin moved to accept claims January 17, 2023, through January 30, 2023. Vice President Harley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business brought before the board Member Partin moved to adjourn the meeting and Vice President Harley seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Charles R. Snead, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer