

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 08, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Erica Partin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present for the meeting: President Erica Partin, Vice President Ed Barcus, Members Charles R. Snead, Robert Byers, Attorney Jones and Clerk -Treasurer Lisa Mullaney. Member Shawn Harley was absent.

MINUTES:

The minutes from April 24,2024 were presented for approval. Vice President Barcus motioned to approve the minutes as written. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT-

Resident Frank Rickman commented on having explanations on the top 5 claims when read. At the last meeting he wanted to know what we paid B&B Roofing for. Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney explained it was a payment towards construction of the houses at Deer Field subdivision.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR WATER ORDINANCES-

Member Byers motioned to open the public hearing at 7:02pm. Vice President Barcus seconded; motion carried unanimously. The public hearing opened at 7:02pm.

Attorney Jones stated that there are some fees and additional wording changes to the current ordinance. He also reiterated that there are no increased fees in the water rates. Those were set by a separate ordinance.

President Partin asked for anyone to speak for or against the new ordinances.

Resident Frank Rickman asked if an outside firm was consulted on the new ordinances. Secondly, how was the firm paid.

Attorney Jones stated the firm that was consulted was Baker Tilly. It is the same firm that performed the water rate study. Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney stated they are paid with a check from the water utility fund.

With no more public input heard, Vice President Barcus motioned to close the public hearing at 7:10 pm. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS-

ATTORNEY REPORT-

Ordinance 2024-3 Water Rates and Charges-

After review, Vice President Barcus motioned to allow the suspension of the rules to pass the ordinance on all three readings. Member Snead seconded; motion failed due to Member Byers voting against. Vice President Barcus then motioned to accept Ordinance 2024-3 as written on the first reading. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2024-4 Water Usage Ordinance-

After review, Vice President Barcus motioned to accept Ordinance 2024-4 as written on the first reading. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Altium CF-1-

Attorney Jones stated he reviewed the CF-1 presented by Altium Packaging and everything was within the parameters laid out in the tax abatement Resolution. Vice President Barcus then motioned to allow President Partin to sign the CF-1 as presented. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jones stated he was asked to investigate grass and weeds on the sidewalks in town. He researched town code 94.17 states the adjacent landowner must maintain and keep the sidewalks free of debris, snow and ice. President Partin thanked Attorney Jones for the clarification.

With no more business to present to the Council, Member Barcus motioned to accept the attorney report. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Cemetery Foundation Quotes-

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented two quotes for 365 new spaces or 9 more rows of cemetery plots. The first quote was from Langfelt's Concrete for \$45,448.32. The second quote was from Hensley and Son Concrete for \$44,000.00. After a discussion, Vice President Barcus motioned to accept the quote from Hensley and Son Concrete. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Community Garden-

A small discussion was held regarding the community garden. Previous Clerk-Treasurer Patty Jones implemented the garden as a project for the community. Current Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney has tried to keep it going. We have had volunteers from the United Methodist Church planting it and taking care of it every year with little community involvement. When the plants are producing a lot of people will come to get the food but they don't participate in the garden otherwise. The planters are in disrepair and the garden would need a lot of repairs. After the discussion, Vice President Barcus motioned to remove the community garden. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously. Everyone is encouraged to shop at the Farmers Market in Nickle Plate Square on Wednesday nights from 5 to 8pm.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

Member Byers stated the County Commissioners after dissolving the old tourism board, had stated that they would honor appointing someone from each community on the new board. The Argos Town Council had appointed Member Byers to sit on that board. The new board does not have any representation from Argos, Bourbon or Bremen. They are not honoring what they said when they dissolved the old tourism board and formed this new one.

President Partin stated she visited the Bears Den uptown and the new owner is doing a fantastic job on the remodel and he should be open soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Salary Ordinance 2024-6 2024 Amendment 1:

After review Vice President Barcus motioned to accept Ordinance 2024-6 as written on the first reading. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Solar Ordinance:

Attorney Jones stated the County is revising their zoning ordinance for solar. Attorney Jones is working closely with our Plan Commission to revise the Town of Argos Zoning Ordinance. Once the Plan Commission has any changes to present, they will vote on the changes and then the Town Council will review the changes and vote on them. He will keep the Council apprised of any changes.

CLAIMS:

Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney presented the claims from April 23,2024 to May 06,2024 in the amount of \$676,725.15 for approval. After review Vice President Barcus motioned to approve the claims as presented. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

The Top 5 Claims are as follows:

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| George Kountoupes Painting | \$237,950.00 |
| IMPA | \$231,578.15 |
| Payroll #9 | \$55,778.62 |
| Aim Medical Trust | \$35,375.56 |
| Republic Services | \$14,936.48 |

ADJOURNMENT:

With no more business brought before the board, Vice President Barcus moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Erica Partin, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer