

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, December 11, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER –

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

ROLL CALL –

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

MINUTES –

Minutes from November 13, 2024, Regular Session were submitted for approval. Vice President Barcus motioned to accept the minutes as written. Member Harley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT –

Resident Frank Rickman informed the Council he won a local contest.

President Partin thanked James Master from The Pilot News for his article about the Council lead by President Partin raising money to provide food for fourteen local families for Thanksgiving Dinner.

US 30 – 31 PELL Study Update-

Scott Sardstrom gave an update on the 30/31 Pell Study.

OLD BUSINESS -

Attorney Report –

Attorney Jones had Council Members sign Nepotism and Conflict of Interest forms.

Attorney Jones is working with the Plan Commission on a 50/50 sidewalk replacement program. The Council will decide after the Plan Commission approves the program.

An agreement for Attorney services was presented to the Council. After discussion, Member Harley motioned to accept the agreement as written. Vice President Barcus seconded; motion carried unanimously. Vice President Barcus then motioned to allow President Partin to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town Council. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

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

Other Old Business -

None

NEW Business –

Deer Field Housing Update-

President of the Redevelopment Commission Paul Stearns informed the Council that two of the houses the Redevelopment built are now sold. With only one left on the market they will be looking to build more.

Ordinance 2024-17 Adoption of Employee Handbook for 1/01/2025 -

After discussion, Member Harley motioned to allow the suspension of the rule and allow Ordinance 2024-17 to be passed on all three readings. Vice President Barcus seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Member Harley motioned to accept Ordinance 2024-17 on all three readings. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2024-18 Rezoning of 200 W. Walnut St.-

After discussion, Member Harley motioned to allow the suspension of the rule and allow Ordinance 2024-18 to be passed on all three readings. Vice President Barcus seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Barcus motioned to accept Ordinance 2024-18 on all three readings. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2024-19 Rezoning of 9963 17th Rd -

After discussion, Member Snead motioned to allow the suspension of the rule and allow Ordinance 2024-19 to be passed on all three readings. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Barcus motioned to accept Ordinance 2024-19 on all three readings. Member Snead seconded; motion carried 4 to 1 with Member Byers opposing.

Ordinance 2024-15 Salary Ordinance -

Member Snead motioned to accept Ordinance 2024-19 on the second and third readings. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Change Order #1 Water Grant-

After discussion, Vice President Barcus motioned to accept Change Order #1 as written. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2024-06 Year End Employee Bonus-

After discussion, Vice President Barcus motioned to accept Resolution 2024-06 as written. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business –

The Employee Appreciation Dinner this year was held at The Breakroom. After a discussion, Member Harley motioned to have the Clerk-Treasurer reserve the date at The Breakroom for next years dinner. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Member Byers informed the Council that the food pantry at the United Methodist Church was on the list of food pantries to receive money from Marshall County. Unfortunately, some of that money has to be used for a new freezer and sign. Member Byers motioned to donate \$5,000.00 to the Argos UMC Shepherd's Food Panty to help cover the cost of the freezer and sign so more food can be distributed. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS -

December 11, 2024, claims totaled \$1,881,658.46. Vice President Barcus moved to accept claims November 09, 2024 - December 09, 2024. Member Byers seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Top 5 claims:

Town of Argos	\$900,000.00
IMPA	\$233,261.30
Haskins Underground	\$217,198.50
Utility Truck Equipment	\$180,720.00
Payroll #24	\$65,135.40

ADJOURNMENT -

With no more business brought before the board, Vice President Barcus moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Byers seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11P.M.

Erica Partin, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer