

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The session was held from 6:00pm to 6:53pm. All the Council Members, Clerk Treasurer Mullaney, 1st Deputy Candi Weller and Development Director Mark VanDerWeele were present. Session was called under (IC5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)) With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction. Nothing else was discussed.

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 24, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER –

President Partin called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

ROLL CALL -

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

MINUTES -

Minutes from April 10, 2024, Regular Session were submitted for approval. Member Snead motioned to accept the minutes as written. Member Harley seconded. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Member Harley abstaining due to absence.

Marshall County Hope-

Mr. Thomas Kenaird from the Marshall County Hope gave a presentation on why they need the opioid restricted funds that were awarded to Town of Argos from the state opioid settlement. Mr. Kenaird explained the restrictions on using the funds. After a discussion, Vice President Barcus motioned to award \$5,000.00 of the opioid restricted funds to Marshall County Hope for drug addiction treatment. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT –

None

OLD BUSINESS -

Attorney Report –

Attorney Jones stated Clerk-Treasurer Mullaney provided him with Altium Packaging CF-1 form for a tax abatement he will look it over and report to the Council at the next meeting.

Attorney Jones stated he is currently working on revising the solar section of the zoning ordinance to similar to the County Zoning Ordinance. He then informed the Council that there is a public hearing on the revision at the Plan Commission meeting being held May 7,2024 at 7pm.

Attorney Jones also stated that there is a public hearing advertised for May 8th at 7pm for the revision of the town's water ordinance.

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

Chuck DeWitt Contract-

Vice President Barcus stated that the contract Mr. Dewitt was under expired on April 6,2024. At the last meeting they agreed to extend the monthly payment for the month of April. Vice President Barcus then suggested that they hire Mr. DeWitt as a part-time employee for no more than 10 hours a week. Starting pay \$22.50 an hour. He would work directly under Mark VanDerWeele and report to Vice President Barcus. Member Byers made the motion to hire Mr. DeWitt to the terms discussed. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other Old Business -

None

NEW Business –

Clerk’s Office-

After a discussion, Member Harley motioned to promote Candi Weller to Office Manager and to allow another full-time employee to be hired for the Clerk’s office. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other New Business –

Member Byers stated he was contacted by One Marshall County about attending meetings. President Partin asked Member Byers to forward those details to Vice President Barcus since he is the appointed liaison to the One Marshall County.

Chief Rudd asked the Council to not make inspection of golf carts mandatory each year. The Council agreed it is not required anywhere. The Clerk’s Office will start keeping the inspections on file but registrations are still required yearly.

President Partin spoke about people leaving huge clumps of grass on the sidewalks after mowing. After a discussion, President Partin asked Attorney Jones to investigate the maintenance and care of the sidewalks as far as who is responsible for clean-up. Attorney Jones will research the matter.

Department Head Reports-

Police- Chief Rudd presented his report.

Utilities- Superintendent Lindstrom gave his report.

Plan & Development Director- Director VanDerWeele sent in his report. Chuck DeWitt stated that he is working closely with Mark VanDerWeele on zoning enforcement.

Vice President Barcus motioned to accept the department head reports. Member Harley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS -

April 24, 2024, claims which totaled \$298,957.75. Vice President Barcus moved to accept claims April 09, 2024 – April 22, 2024. Member Byers seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Top 5 claims:

B&B ROOFING	\$150,000.00
PAYROLL #8	\$62,225.10
AIM MEDICAL TRUST	\$36,463.32
FEDERAL RESERVE	\$12,610.29
MIRACLE RECREATION EQUIP.	\$11,241.50

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 7:51 P.M.

Erica Partin, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer