

**TOWN OF ARGOS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 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, Attorney Derek Jones, and Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Mullaney.

MINUTES –

Minutes from May 08, 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.

CITIZEN INPUT –

Resident Frank Rickman spoke to the Council and asked questions on topics of the IMPA solar field, a hole that needs filled uptown by the downtown square and why Mark VanDerWeele is working in the Clerk's office answering phones temporarily. The Council addressed his questions.

Councilman Bob Byers suggested that there could be veteran banners or other banners on the downtown light poles. The Council agreed he should investigate the cost and if the light poles could support them.

President Partin thanked the Chief Rodney Rudd and the town workers for finally mowing a property in her neighborhood.

OLD BUSINESS -

Attorney Report –

Ordinance 2024-3 Water Rate, 2024-04 Water Usage Ordinances-

Attorney Jones presented the ordinances for review. After review, Vice President Barcus motioned to accept ordinances 2024-3 and 2024-4 on 2nd and 3rd readings. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously,

Topps CF-1 Tax Abatement-

Attorney Jones presented the Council with Topp's Industries completed CF-1. He stated all looks to be following what was agreed upon. Vice President Barcus motioned to approve the tax abatement for 2024. Member Snead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

IMPA CF-1 Tax Abatement-

Attorney Jones presented the Council with IMPA's Utility completed CF-1. He stated all looks to be following what was agreed upon. Vice President Barcus motioned to approve the tax abatement for 2024. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

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.

Salary Ordinance 2024-06 1st Amendment of 2024 -

This ordinance was read on the first reading at the last meeting and is being presented for consideration of the 2nd and 3rd readings. After review, Member Byers motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-06 as written on both the 2nd and 3rd readings. Vice President Barcus seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Other Old Business -

None

NEW Business -

Vice President Barcus asked about installing electric on the north side of the downtown. He would like to see the TGIF moved to the north side again based upon vendor requests. After a discussion, Vice President Barcus withdrew his request.

Other New Business -

Marshall County on Aging sent a letter thanking the Council for their donation and gave a report on how much help they provide in Argos.

Department Head Reports-

Police- Chief Rudd presented his report. Austin DeLee went for PERF exam and should be on his own by the middle of August.

Utilities- Superintendent Lindstrom gave his report. Superintendent Lindstrom would like to order a Digger Derrick truck. Manufacturing is 18 months out. He provided a quote of \$362,031.00 from Altec. After a discussion, Member Harley motioned to allow Superintendent Lindstrom to purchase the truck based on the quote from Altec after Attorney Jones reviews if this purchase needs to be bid. Member Byers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Plan & Development Director- Director VanDerWeele sent in his report.

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

CLAIMS -

May 22, 2024, claims which totaled \$425,899.72. Member Byers moved to accept claims May 07, 2024 - May 20, 2024. Member Snead seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Top 5 claims:

B&B ROOFING	\$284,700.00
PAYROLL #10	\$60,023.40
FEDERAL RESERVE	\$12,273.14
INPRS	\$9,214.50
IN. DEPT. of REVENUE	\$8727.19

ADJOURNMENT -

With no more business brought before the board, Member Harley moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Byers seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Erica Partin, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Mullaney, Clerk-Treasurer

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