

# Argusville City Council Regular Meeting

**September 6, 2016**

Mayor Lyson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following in attendance: Dave Becker, Rod Clouse, Wayne Hagemeister, Mary Howatt, Jake Livingston, Yvonne Denault, Al Woods, Robby Wysuph, and Deputy Justin Mortenson. Absent: Randy Teberg.

M Becker-Hagemeister to approve the August minutes and finance report as presented. Carried.

Council reviewed Engineer notes. The water-sewer proposal will be ready in October. Discussed televising sewer lines; requested quotes for what is necessary for the levee and what it would cost to do all original town site lines. Discussed levee rodent abatement options.

M Becker-Clouse to allocate \$1000 for abatement labor in addition to material expenses this year. Carried.

M Clouse-Becker to designate Norman Tupper to purchase supplies and do abatement work. Carried.

Lyson will complete letter to Atencio regarding elevator vehicles. Council advised on items for a 3-, 5-, and 10-year long range plans.

Water, sewer, and garbage rates were discussed. Services from providers are increasing, so city rates will need to follow suit. An average percentage of 14% for each was approved. Rate change will be indicated on the January 20 bill.

M Becker-Hagemeister to set the monthly water base rate at \$18.20, sewer at \$11.40, and garbage at \$17.70, beginning January 1, 2017. Carried.

Berlin Township road agreement – tabled.

The Zoning Board approved changing the zoning from residential to commercial for 305 County Road 81 North.

M Becker-Clouse to approve changing 305 County Road 81 North to commercial. Carried.

Becker has complete Lake Agassiz Regional Council survey. Woods updated on sewer line by Carlson.

Request for a garage height variance was referred to the Homeowner's Association. Questions regarding fire pits; refer to Fire Department. Becker will schedule an aerial spraying.

Discussed current utility non-payment policy. Considering revising for chronic problems. Tabled.

Howatt presented preliminary budget. Discussed levy adjustments to address long-range plans for city building, equipment, and growth. Howatt will adjust budget options to levy for 55-65 mills.

Deputy Mortenson reported on local activity.

M Becker-Hagemeister to pay bills: Cass Electric \$571.20, Cass County Reporter \$227.92, Office Max 166.95, Office Max \$7.61, Starion Bond \$20,160.50, Mary Howatt \$461.75, Century Link \$58.03, Cass Electric \$535.10, Cass Rural Water \$3797.77, Waste Management \$2159, Airborne Custom Spraying \$1215, JetWay \$1505, ND Sewage Pump & Lift Station \$427, City of Fargo \$14, Allan Woods \$923.50. Carried.

Denault presented questions regarding unapproved culvert installation. Discussed fines for zoning offenses.

Livingston inquired about developing property within the levee. Discussed options and limitations.

Special Meeting: Thursday, September 15, 7:10 PM regarding re-plat and variance requests.

Next Regular Meeting: **Tuesday, October 3**, at 7:00 PM

Adjourn 8:50 PM

Minutes are subject to approval and revision.

Mary Howatt - auditor