

Argusville City Council Regular Meeting

September 3, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Mayor Tandsater with the following members present: Dave Becker, Rod Clouse, and Randy Teberg. Also in attendance: Chris Rose, Sarah Wear, Cheri Wetzell, Kirk Howatt, Jeremy Denault, Larry Carlson, Deputy Jeff Arth, and Mary Howatt. Absent: Wayne Hagemeister.

The August minutes and finance report were approved as presented.

Levee Project: The Corps is satisfied with the project. They recommend monitoring cracks and burrows and make repairs as needed. Purchase and installation costs of right of way signs previously approved are estimated at \$2725; we will be submitting the expenses to the county for cost sharing. Megger repairs will need to be done. Tandsater will contact someone for a second opinion on repairs. Ohnstad Twichell will help draft a letter to the NDDOT regarding levee maintenance outside the fence line along the interstate. Howatt and Tandsater will work on drafting flood and evacuation plans for the city. They should be done ASAP but are required by next summer. A new plat for 102 Drake excluding the levee toe will be needed for sale of land to Nesius. The land has been surveyed, and Moore can provide the new legal description. The specials may go with the property or the city may make changes. The city would have to work with the county to assign specials. Howatt will follow up with Dan Madsen. Tandsater will talk with the railroad about getting the pole by the levee removed.

Motion Teberg – Second Clouse to pay Moore Engineering invoice #6189 for \$1139.50 for levee work. Motion carried.
Motion Becker – Second Clouse to approve resolution to levy assessments for the Levee Project. Motion carried.
The total project will cost \$595,000, but with cost sharing reimbursements, Oye feels we will need to assess for \$200,000. A special assessment committee meeting needs to be set ASAP. Oye will provide preliminary costs and maps and will discuss assessment methods and recommendations with the committee.

The preliminary plat public hearing for blocks 1,2,4,5,6 will be set up. The preliminary plat will be approved at the next council meeting. We are seeking clarification from Jason Benson on driveways for the north Centennial project.

Rose recommended the city add building permits for remodels, finishing lower levels, and decks. For remodels, any time the framing is exposed, a permit should be required. The International Residential Code should be used as the guideline; driveways and pavers would not be included. These permit additions help protect the homeowner and increases salability of the home at a later date. Permits require a first and second reading. Wear said if the city gives what they want included to Ohnstad Twichell, they can draft the ordinances for us.

Rose will follow up with Johnson on his project and will set up an inspection for the 16th.

The trailer park was discussed. Since the trailer was destroyed in the process of being removed, a new trailer will have to comply with code and will need a conditional use permit. The city will send Butz a letter outlining requirements.

Tandsater reported State Water Commission will be purchasing water at the commercial rate for a local project. He will also check with Marv Bush about disking and seeding vacant lots on north Centennial. Gravel will be on the streets in the next ten days. Hagemeister is working out details with the Richards family for snow fence on the north side of Richwood.

Deputy Arth reported on local activity. Council requested increased patrol on 167th now that school is back in session. The street light vandalism case is closed until we get more information.

Motion Teberg – Second Clouse to approve liquor license transfer for Happy Trails to the Community Center on September 21. Motion carried.

Motion Teberg – Second Becker to appoint Mitch Marcuson the city assessor. Motion carried.

Motion Becker – Second Clouse to approve gaming permit for Argusville Firefighter Steak Fry on October 18. Motion carried.

Howatt presented preliminary budget. Addition of website and set up charges were included. Discussion held.

Motion Becker – Second Clouse to compensate mayor \$85 per meeting and governing board \$50 per meeting effective January 1, 2014. Motion carried.

Motion Teberg – Second Clouse to pay bills: Cass Electric \$544.95, Cass County Reporter \$78.72, Starion Bonds \$23,342.50, Century Link \$58.55, Cass Electric \$636.90, Cass Rural Water \$4958.60, Metro Disposal \$2090, City of Fargo \$14, Airborne Custom Spraying \$1215, Ferguson Waterworks \$157.97 & 65.81, Railroad Management \$132.87, Lynn Dusek \$39.10. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: **Monday**, October 7, 7:00 PM

Motion Clouse – Second Becker to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:02.

Mary Howatt – Auditor