

# Argusville City Council Regular Meeting

**April 5, 2021**

Mayor Darren Wetzel called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the following in attendance: Dave Becker, Rod Clouse, Jenna Saewert, Katie Shipley, Mary Howatt, Mike Lovejoy, Parker Vander Wal, Steven Zimmer, and Justin Hall.

M Becker-Shipley to include the consent agenda: March minutes; March finance report; and bills to be paid; Cass County Electric \$590.80 & \$25, Cass County Reporter \$319.34, Office Depot \$106.54, US Treasury \$846.09, Webstaurant \$258.02, Mary Howatt \$1062.03, Jenna Saewert \$361.38, Amazon \$59.14 & \$163.55, Summit Fire Protection \$310.89, Century Link \$71.34, Cass County Electric \$563.02, Cass Rural Water \$2622.01, Waste Management \$3182.62, City of Fargo \$14, Starion Bond Services \$50,635, US Treasury \$527.85, Allan Woods \$1062.03, Ferguson Waterworks \$432.02, ND One Call \$1.20, Argusville \$560, online transfer WS to Gen \$40. Carried.

Howatt requested members for budget planning committee. Becker volunteered. Wetzel is an alternate. Howatt will request participation from the HOA. Discussion about HOA fees after TIF.

Community Reports: Fire Department Pancake/Raffle is April 11. Park Board will meet April 21, 7:00pm; full summer softball schedule. Next ACDC meeting is April 19 at 6:00pm. Tree Landscaping event April 21; weekly Biogirls meetings ACDC recruiting new board members and discussing fund raising event. Deputy written report reviewed. Discussed drones in town.

Hall presented engineer agenda. Sewer-Water 2017-1: final invoice and SRF requests presented. GIS web map wrapping up. Would like to schedule separate meeting to review and train.

M Saewert-Becker to approve invoice no. 26403 for \$1837.50 for final SW17 payment. Carried.

M Clouse-Shipley to approve CWSRF and DWSRT requests for funds No. 21 for \$2913 and \$2913. Carried.

Hall reported the Richwood Estates Drainage Pond Easements and Lease Agreement are still in progress.

Jim Baumgart requested streetlight installation by the grain elevator. Discussion. Determined property is privately owned and city does not have authority to install light there. Recommended Baumgart speak with property owner.

Zimmer (Intelliplanz) reviewed Needs Assessment results. Good response rate (87). Overall: residents like small town living/understand small town limitations. There is possible interest in well planned growth. Top priorities identified were maintaining infrastructure and cleaning up blighted properties. Council discussion.

Saewert reported city has been awarded a Partners in Planning Grant for \$23,400. Seeking comprehensive plan bids. Discussion. Shipley reported on Park Board AARP grant application. Seeking project ideas.

Curbside Spring Clean-up will be May 28. Discussed metal/appliance removal. Set May 27 as a curbside date with Northland Enterprises picking up items. Set April 12 for Yard Waste disposal start. Will contact Fire Department about burn pile. Discussed funding/volunteer assistance for smaller Park projects for a possible spring program.

Year-Round Maintenance Bids opening. One bid received from Northland Enterprises for \$22000/year for three years with additional hourly rates for additional projects. Discussion.

M Clouse-Becker to approve Northland Enterprises bid for May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2024. Carried.

Discussed mosquito dunk inventory and needs. Gravel will be needed; Northland authorized to place orders as needed.

Saewert requested taking Auditor Certification classes for furthering her education. Inquired if there is a conflict of interest for council members to be involved on ACDC; some concerns due to overlapping business. Vander Wal inquired about potential development projects and which organization to approach. Wetzel defined entities. Discussed potential areas for development.

Meeting adjourned 9:38pm. Next meeting: Monday, May 3, 2021, at 7:00pm.

Minutes subject to review and approval.

Mary Howatt - auditor