

Argusville City Council Regular Meeting
April 3, 2023, 7:00pm

Call to order – 7:00pm Mayor Darren Wetzel

In attendance: Parker Vander Wal, Katie Shipley, Jenna Saewert, Rod Clouse, Al Woods, Mike Lovejoy, Toby Bryson

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent agenda: M- Vander Shipley Carried

- Regular Meeting Minutes
- Special Meeting 3-20-23 Minutes
- Special Meeting 3-28-23 Minutes
- Finance Reports – Checks to be issued: Cass County Electric TBD Halstad Telephone \$120, Google Apps \$18, Park District \$645.30, Cass County Reporter TBD, Northland Enterprises \$1,833.33, LBryson \$1154.38, Halstad Telephone \$85.28, Cass County Electric TBD, Cass Rural Water \$2,761.83 & \$180, Waste Management \$3333.87, City of Fargo \$14, AWoods \$1154.38, Argusville FD \$1,340 JSaewert \$400, K. Shipley \$200, Casey Eggermont TBD

Community Reports

- Community Center Floor Cleaning: AFD is going to purchase a floor cleaner for the community center. They are asking if the city would like to pitch in 1/3 of the cost, \$1,340.00. M Clouse Vander Wal. Carried.

Deputy Report – No report

Engineer Report – Lead and copper Lines: Al Woods provided update that three service lines contain copper and lead pipes. The city can get money to replace these pipes.

Flood Preparation: Wetzel and Clouse attended flood meeting in Harwood and provided update. Harwood has a 10% chance of 92.1 feet and a 25% chance of 91.8 fee. In 2009 the levels were at 91.8 feet and there was no water over County 4. Crest is expected around April 17th to the 24th. The city has over 5,000 sandbags on hand that have been stored inside and out of the sun. The water pumps have been serviced and are ready to use. Lovejoy will set the pump up at Richwood.

- Declare Flood Emergency (see attached): M Clouse Saewert. Carried.
- Set Wages for Flood Emergency Plan- Saewert noted that the city can set wages to pay for flood expenses. Discussion was held around FEMA's current wages versus what the city would like to set. At this time, no decision was made to set any wages.

Spring Clean Up: Saewert contacted WM and they have an available date of May 25th. Lovejoy raised concerns over the ground being wet still. A second date of June 8th is available, and a decision was made to go with this date. Continue to help with cleaning up to city residents if needed.

Memorial Donation: Hold off on discussions for setting up a memorial to see if the school will be doing anything. If the school does, the city will discuss further on chipping in.

Auditor job description, payment, advertisement

- Job description and posting - review sample job posting from Harwood and come to May meeting with notes.
- Casey Eggermont, Training payment- \$25/hr. M Saewert Vander Wal. Carried.
- Laura Bryson, Interim payment- \$1,250/month M Shipley Clouse. Carried.
- Jenna Saewert - \$20/hour for 20 hours M Clouse Shipley. Carried.

- Katie Shipley - \$20/hour for 10 hours M Clouse Vander Wal. Carried

Check in:

- Organizational Meeting: discussion was held around having a separate organizational meeting. Invite city organizations to join meetings to provide updates.
- Lease Agreement-Richards: no updates
- Centennial hydrant leak: hydrant by the elevator needs replacing and it more priority
- Community Health and Wellness Update: no updates
- School demolition: no updates
- Diversion: Robbi has given ASN permission to store equipment by the storage units. No further updates.

Adjourn at 8:45pm

Next meeting May 1, 2023 at 7:00pm