

# Argusville City Council Regular Meeting

August 3, 2020

Mayor Darren Wetzel called the meeting to order at 7:06pm with the following in attendance: Dave Becker Wayne Hagemeister, Jenna Saewert, Katie Shipley, Mary Howatt, Deputy Craig Keller, Sheriff Jesse Jahner, Jordan Weir, Ann & Corey Johnson, Jeremy & Yvonne Denault, Mike Lovejoy, Andi Broneske, and Jason Messner.

**M Hagemeister-Shipley to approve consent agenda:** meeting minutes July 6, July finance report, bills paid: Cass Co Electric \$590.80, Cass Co Reporter \$142.76, Zoom \$15.81, UPS Store \$12.03, Northland Dirt Works \$5315, Ohnstad Twichell \$765, Aggregate Industries \$207.72, Park District \$1191.98, J. Saewert \$19.03, Office Depot \$40.99, M. Howatt \$1062.03, Alpha Seal \$6984.25, Amazon \$50.63, Century Link \$65.27, Cass Co Electric \$596.31, Cass Rural Water \$4623.10, Waste Management \$3193.26 & \$210.14, Cass Co Reporter \$26.84, Bank of ND \$108,619.32, City of Fargo \$14, Farmers Union \$1511, Al Woods \$33.40 & 1062.03, Northland Dirt Works \$1750, Moore Engineering \$12862.15, Argusville HOA \$180, Railroad Management \$258.95, APS \$199, Office Depot \$40.99. Carried.

Alpha Seal billing a \$500 extra charge for respraying sealant on 167<sup>th</sup> after a driver drove through fresh oil. Discussion on traffic control. Discussion regarding property damage behind Community Center.

**M Becker-Hagemeister to deny payment for extra billing. Carried.**

Deputy Report: Keller presented on local activity and Jahner presented changes to service agreements for events. Emergency contact service will be changing from Code Red to "Cass Clay Alerts," transitioning in the coming months.. Keller and Jahner departed meeting.

Howatt presented preliminary budget. Discussed line items, levies, and approval schedule.

**M Shipley-Becker to approve preliminary budget at 60.75 mills. Carried.**

Public hearing for final budget will be September 8 at 6:45pm.

Justin Hall arrived. Engineer Report: Working through SW17 punch list. Two substantial sewer areas need work: Drake & Centennial. Re-televising Centennial Y connection. Discussed restoration, including Drake ditch and finishing this fall. MH 31: L2 agreed to additional one-year warranty (labor and installation). Hall to check cleanout Centennial north end. Checking with S. Wear on legal options to get work done. No updates provided for Richwood retention pond and drainage easement. Project is still in the queue.

**M Hagemeister-Becker to pay invoice No 24294 for \$12,862.15. Carried.**

**M Saewert-Shipley to approve CWSRF at \$9518 and DWSRF at \$3344. Carried.**

Halstad/JCS property restoration: Shipley: crews working and finishing soon. Howatt to survey residents.

Streets: discussed current condition; attention needed on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street west of Aldrich. More gravel needed this year in areas.

**M Becker-Saewert to authorize highway funds as needed in excess of budget for remainder of year. Carried.**

Lisa Becker, Zoning Board, arrived.

Lovejoy reported levee punch list 90% completed. Suggested drain tile on inside of south side. Working on small drainage projects in town.

716 Sugar Drive Building Violation: Wetzel summarized letter and documents provided by Johnson attorney Weir. Wetzel recommended the Johnsons submit the new documents to the Zoning Board and request entering the variance process for the new building height of 28.5'. Zoning would determine proceeding with a new variance process or not. Saewert reviewed the facts and ordinances and expressed concern with expired permit agreement. Weir to contact Zoning. Johnsons, Weir, Messner, Broneske, and Denaults left the meeting.

Saewert reported on CDBG grant applications and updated on Community Center updates. Discussed building security and keys – outside and inside. Discussed building management and community engagement.

Next Meeting: TUESDAY, September 8, 7:00pm. Meeting adjourned 9:24pm.

Minutes subject to review and approval.

Mary Howatt - Auditor