

Argusville City Council Regular Meeting

August 1, 2022

Mayor Darren Wetzel called the meeting to order at 7:12pm following a web map demonstration by Moore Engineering. The following were in attendance: Jenna Saewert, Katie Shipley, Parker Vander Wal, Mary Howatt, Steven Zimmer, Al Woods, and Justin Hall.

M – Saewert-Vander Wal to approve consent agenda: July minutes; bills to be paid: Cass County Electric \$590.80 & \$29, Cass County Reporter \$133.61, PVander Wal \$75, KShipley \$35, Farmers Union \$495, NDLC \$702, Park District \$515.41, MHowatt \$1154.38, Cass County Electric \$608.82, Cass Rural Water \$4734.73 & \$155, Waste Management \$3491.20 & \$208.44, Bank of ND \$51,990, BND \$26550, BND \$9420, Northland Enterprises \$1833.33, City of Fargo \$14, ND One Call \$9.10, Jet-Way \$675, AWoods \$1154.38. and Railroad Management \$313.34; and online transfer of \$85 from WS to general for online levee payments. Carried.

Rod Clouse arrived at meeting.

Howatt presented July finance report.

M – Vander Wal-Saewert to create a Building Capital Fund and transfer building line item to the capital fund. Carried.

M – Shipley-Clouse to designate American Rescue Plan funds as a separate fund. Carried.

M – Saewert-Vander Wal to pay full IntelliplanZ final bill from Community Development and \$15,000 Centennial demolition from the Public Building fund and to move \$750 for HOA legal questions from miscellaneous expense to Attorney. Carried.

M – Saewert-Shipley to approve July finance report. Carried.

Deputy Report: written report submitted and reviewed.

Engineer Report: Hall completed web map demonstration prior to the meeting. Continuing to attempt communications with Richards about the Richwood easement.

M – Clouse-Saewert to approve gaming permit for St. William's Church, October 2, 2022. Carried.

Mike Lovejoy arrived.

HOA dissolution: Clouse will visit with them to see what their plan is. Wetzel recommends they operate at a minimal level to maintain the covenant. Alternative plan could include zoning rules with an overlay district for the development.

Zimmer distributed the final Comprehensive Plan and provided guidance for next steps. Discussion regarding steps and strategic planning committee organization. Plan direction needs to be communicated to residents. Will make the plan available on the website.

Project Updates: Richwood Curb Stops/Manhole Cover work is complete. Hall to review the discharge pump check valve. Sandbags by pump house have been removed; Lovejoy will complete dirt work in the area. No date set yet for levee inspection; Lovejoy reports problem areas are looking better and will review other upkeep areas.

M – Clouse-Vander Wal to approve Lovejoy quote of \$800 for dirt work, seeding, sidewalk and labor for St. Williams site restoration. Carried.

Security Cameras: electrical/fiber work is done. Remainder of installation to be done by end of August. Suggested to give the Sheriff's Department access. Saewert also reported on school demolition progress.

Northern Cass is assessing community need for after school childcare and will be working on solutions; nothing in place this fall. Tractor Pull is on track; community donations will cover expenses, but volunteers may be needed for peripheral help. Living Local app is up and running.

Upkeep progress at the residential property. Deadline for clean-up is August 22.

Howatt presented utility billing proposal and quote from UBmax. Discussion.
M – Clouse-Saewert to adopt UBmax utility bill software program. Carried.

Woods, Hall, and Zimmer left the meeting.

Discussed road maintenance needs for the south end of 167th. Increased use of the road demands improvements.
M – Vander Wal-Saewert to allocate up to \$5500 for materials and \$3000 for work by Northland Enterprises. Carried.

Clouse will be ordering another mosquito spraying.

Howatt presented preliminary budget with an increase from 59.19 mills to 66.93 due to projected increased expenses.
M – Vander Wal-Shipley to approve the preliminary budget as presented with a public hearing 6:30pm, Oct. 3. Carried.

Demolition work at Centennial complete; sewer line need termination. Wetzel will check with Hall on location.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, September 6, 7:00pm**

Meeting adjourned 9:28pm.

Minutes subject to review and approval.

Mary Howatt – Auditor