

Argusville City Council Regular Meeting

December 6, 2021

Mayor Darren Wetzel called the meeting to order at 7:09pm with the following in attendance: Dave Becker, Rod Clouse, Katie Shipley, Mary Howatt, Justin Hall, Deputy Thomas Behm, Mike Lovejoy, Leah Terry, David Saville, Mitch Calkins, and Steven Zimmer (on Zoom). Absent: Jenna Saewert.

Wetzel opened the public hearing for the Lake Agassiz Regional Council Community Development Block Grant. Calkins reviewed work done and requested feedback and left documents to sign. Calkins left the meeting.

M Becker-Clouse to approve the consent agenda: November minutes, November finance report, and bills to pay: Cass County Electric \$590.80 & \$29, Cass County Reporter \$72.98, Park District \$449.97, Cass County \$2300, NDLC \$75, Hornbacher's \$58, S&P Global Services \$91, Moore Engineering \$9540, Northland Enterprises \$1833.33, M. Howatt \$1062.03, Ohnstad Twichell \$2500, Century Link \$67.71, Cass County Electric \$551.49, Cass Rural Water \$3551.35, Waste Management \$3273.97 & \$242.68, City of Fargo \$14, A. Woods \$1062.03, Argusville HOA \$480. Carried.

Zimmer reported on the Comprehensive Plan. He has been collecting data and working with Moore Engineering to review maps. He noted Argusville was one of the fastest growing cities in the state due to the Richwood development and that our median income is among the highest in Cass County. Forty-three percent of the population is under the age of 20. Argusville is not expected to grow in the next 20 years (due to flat trend after development); however, Cass County's growth is anticipated to be 49% but unable to handle the growth. Therefore, Argusville has a great opportunity if growth and development are done the right way. The steering committee will be meeting again soon. Zimmer left the meeting.

Community Reports:

- Parks – completed park improvement projects and plans to plant trees next year. May add a flagpole with light. Acquired a new mower. Looking to add community events to already successful softball seasons.
- ACDC – Santa visit planned for December 11.
- HOA – Have been discussing future of HOA now that the TIF is done. Saville and Terry presented questions for the city regarding streets, funding, ditching projects, zoning, covenants vs. ordinances, etc. City will follow up with the attorney. Wetzel recommended developing a transition timeline if the HOA dissolves.

Deputy Behm reported on local activity for October and November. Reminder to lock doors and report anything that looks suspicious.

Hall provided Engineer Report. No progress on Richwood Estates Drainage Pond Easements and Lease Agreement. Web Mapping survey is done and marked. Data is being compiled. Invoice is about 60% of the contract. Argusville Comprehensive Plan – working with Zimmer to provide exhibits. Expressed thanks for our cooperative work relationship.

Argusville School property was pulled from the County auction. County next steps await response from Baumlers after 30-day demolition order.

Buildings and Grounds: Park AEDs were pulled inside for the season. Lovejoy has completed demolition at Centennial and will level/seed in the spring; sewer termination to be done. Hydrant work to be done in spring. Streets: more gravel in the spring. Manholes on Sugar need repairs next summer.

Meeting adjourned 8:27.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 3, 2022.

Minutes subject for review and approval.

Mary Howatt – Auditor