

Argusville City Council Regular Meeting

June 1, 2020

Mayor Darren Wetzel called the meeting to order at 7:01pm with the following in attendance: Dave Becker, Rod Clouse, Wayne Hagemeister, Jenna Saewert, Mary Howatt, Deputy Craig Keller, Cheri Wetzel, Nick & Christie Moe, Steve Laaveg, Corey Johnson, Andi Broneske, Joey Brandt, Sarah VanderWal, Charlie Steinhauer. Also joining via Zoom, Manda Steinhauer, Sydney Staeffler, Steve Winterquist.

M Becker-Hagemeister to approve May minutes. Carried.

M Clouse-Saewert to approve May finance report as presented. Carried.

M Saewert-Becker resolution to set Auditor Bond at \$486,000. Aye: Becker, Clouse, Hagemeister, Saewert. Carried.

Justin Hall, Moore Engineering, arrived via Zoom.

Community Reports: HOA has accepted seal coat bids and will proceed in June. They had requested bids for 167th and shared with the City. Discussion on road needs and types of seal coating. Life expectancy for fog coating 2-3 years; adequate for current needs.

M Hagemeister-Clouse to award Alpha-Seal the seal coat bid of \$13,928.50. Aye – Becker, Clouse, Hagemeister. Nay – Saewert. Carried.

M Hagemeister-Becker to approve gaming authorization to Happy Trails for Northern Prairie Performing Arts. Carried.

Deputy Keller reported on local activity for April and May. Encourage everyone to lock up and keep lights on for security. Keller left the meeting.

Mosquito spraying: First one happened on weekend. Try to get another in a week or so. Briquettes distributed and more being ordered.

Hall presented Engineer Report. SW17 project is ongoing; currently on site doing sewer spot repairs. Trying to get updated schedule from L2. Discussed private line problems at 507 Centennial. Resident should have it televised to determine issue; if it is City issue, bill may be submitted for reimbursement. Reviewing list of additional projects but placing priority on SW17 completion. Discussed clay pile; dirt will be retained until completion of project and in city control when done.

M Clouse-Hagemeister to approve payment of invoice 23732 for \$3772.50. Carried.

M Becker-Hagemeister to approve CWSRF 16 for \$6400 and DWSRF 16 for \$2743. Carried.

Halstad Telephone Company restoration: Wetzel will check with HTC on restoration plans.

N & C Moe presented 108 Drake drainage concerns (city alley through their property). Discussed water flow, relationship to levee, and drainage options. Wetzel provided history for similar projects approved by the Council but paid for by residents. Moore will review the area and contact the Corps to make recommendation.

Steinhauer presented 204 4th Street front ditch drainage/culvert issues. Moore will review to see if culvert can be eliminated. Also requested review of low spots in alley from SW17 project.

Laaveg and Wetzel reviewed drainage history at Leonards Way 6th Addition. Discussed developer's agreement. Issue will be reviewed by engineer and attorney.

C. Wetzel presented 716 Sugar Drive building permit issue, progress and building height exceeding variance. Johnson outlined building process. Inspection due this week. Siding will be done before fall. Discussion about peak height being 4 feet higher than variance.

Chickens: Ordinance 2020-11 - First Reading. Changes include limiting to 6 chickens/domestic fowl, increasing distance to 150 feet, and adding enclosure. Discussion about grandfathering current chicken owners in.

M Hagemeister-Saewert to approve first reading. Aye: Becker, Clouse, Hagemeister, Saewert. Nay: None. Carried.

Wear will draft Richwood retention pond long term lease and drainage easement. Hall will provide legal descriptions. They will meet to work out details

Business Licenses: City does not have a current system in place but should create some structure. Recommend adding to strategic plan list while being comparable to neighboring communities.

Saewert announced Apple Festival cancelled due to coronavirus. She is planning a mailing. Plans to use allocated funds for mailing and for community needs assessment.

CDBG update: Saewert has applied for an extension and will present June 17. Targeted areas include floors, bathrooms, and awning. Fargo Glass and Paint (doors) and Northern Improvement (concrete) are working on current grant items.

Lovejoy plans to work on rodent extermination now that first mowing is done. Recommended that flap gate caulking is adequate. Slinger approach does not interfere with drainage; remove from agenda. Full Service Plan: base on proposal with addition of lift station snow removal; determine if bids should be sought in fall (to start winter) or spring.

Broneske requested installing a temporary approach for construction. Permit not required. M Clouse-Hagemeister to approve temporary approach until July 15, 2020. Carried.

Clouse noted a clay mound was Park Board – trenched in power to park and needs to have clay mound cleaned up.

M Saewert-Becker to pay bills: Cass Electric \$590.80, Cass County Reporter \$75.68, Zoom \$58.01, Northland Enterprises \$2625, Mary Howatt \$1062.03, Ohnstad Twichell \$1000, Century Link \$64.44, Cass Electric \$613.85, Cass Rural Water \$3525.64, Waste Management \$3181.96, City of Fargo \$96 & \$14, Northland Enterprises \$1750, Allan Woods \$1062.03. Carried.

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, June 23, 7:00 PM.

July meeting – July 6 7:00 PM

Adjourn – 9:32 PM

Minutes subject to review and approval.

Mary Howatt - Auditor