

Argusville City Council Regular Meeting

March 7, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Mayor Darren Wetzel with the following in attendance: Dave Becker, Rod Clouse, Jenna Saewert, Katie Shipley, Mary Howatt, Mike Lovejoy, Deputy Thomas Behm, Deputy Chad Thompson, and Steven Zimmer (via Zoom).

M Clouse-Shipley to approve consent agenda of February meeting minutes and bill payment: Cass County Electric \$590.80 & \$29, Park District \$603.17, Northland Enterprises \$1,833.33, Office Depot \$27.63 & \$18.29, MHowatt \$1154.38, Century Link \$67.20, Cass County Electric \$634.10, Cass Rural Water \$3066.55, Waste Management \$3273.97, City of Fargo \$14, Office Depot \$38.32, AWoods \$1154.38, and Argusville HOA \$540. Carried.

Howatt presented updated January balance sheet. \$14,607.07 was deposited to the General fund 1/14/2022 in error. Funds were special payments that should have been deposited to the Water-Sewer Account. Error was discovered in 2/17 bank statement. The amount of \$14,607.07 was transferred from the general fund to WS on 2/18/22. The corrected book entries and balance sheet were presented to the Council for approval. The February finance report was also presented.

M Becker-Saewert to approve January Finance Report Revision 2 as corrected. Carried.

M Saewert-Clouse to approve February Finance Report as presented. Carried.

Deputy Behm reported on local activity. Tip of the month is to sign up for Cass Clay Alerts (Code Red replacement). Behm has been reassigned to Hunter. Deputy Thompson has been assigned to Argusville.

Zimmer presented draft comprehensive plan, provided explanation for sewer/water usage estimates, and shared steering committee feedback. Requested council input on any issues they wanted addressed. Ancillary items such as motto, logo, etc. are coming after data driven report items. Mitigation plan work with Moore Engineering will be explored deeper. Zimmer left the meeting.

New state Department of Environmental Quality requirement for backflow preventers for commercial buildings, multifamily housing, and governmental facilities goes into effect April 1. Woods attended training and is prepared to have preventers installed in the Community Center, concession stand, and pump house. Review first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-12 to create and enact Chapter 8-02 for Backflow Prevention.

Motion Saewert-Becker to approve first reading. Aye: Becker, Clouse, Saewert, Shipley. Nay: none. Absent: none.

Lovejoy left the meeting.

Engineer Report – no report.

Drake Avenue Leak: Wetzel had contacted Moore Engineering about the water leak from the former gate valve at the church. He would like the council members to have the chance to discuss the issue with Moore at the April meeting.

M Saewert-Clouse to approve Airborne Custom Spraying authorization application. Carried. Clouse will be the contact.

ACDC requests the support and presence of the Council at a community event. Plans are for a dinner with members of the city, AFD, and park board present with community members. City has budgeted for community development; council members were supportive of being present. Discussed other possible community gathering events.

Saewert noted dirt wash outside the levee by Hanson's tractor. She also inquired about clearing fire hydrants. Residents should clear around them to allow access. Clouse asked about progress at the school. County is applying for a grant to tear it down. Discussions are ongoing. Inquiry about AED season. Need to wait until weather is warm enough to place them outside again. Discussed spring cleanup; will start to set date and make plans.

Tax Equalization Meeting: April 4, 6:30pm

Next Meeting: Monday, April 4, 7:00pm

8:29 pm adjourn

Minutes subject to review and approval.

Mary Howatt - Auditor