

Argusville City Council Regular Meeting

May 7, 2018

Mayor Teberg called the meeting to order at 7:03 with the following in attendance: Dave Becker, Wayne Hagemeister, Darren Wetzel, Mary Howatt, Sarah Wear, Chris Rose, Mason Wilner, Gabe Davidson, Gary Tandsater, Mike Lovejoy, Parker VanderWal, Jim Baumler, Deb Baumler, and Deputy Craig Keller. Absent: Rod Clouse.

M Becker-Hagemeister to approve Tax Equalization and April Minutes as presented. Carried.

M Becker-Hagemeister to approve the April finance report as presented. Carried.

Deputy Keller report on local activity.

No Engineer Report. Waiting for construction schedule.

Show Cause Hearing regarding the Argusville School. Rose reported the initial inspection was done September 2017. A letter was sent to owners with pictures and notice to make repairs. A follow up inspection was done January 2018. No repairs were noted; damage was still seen. A notice for show cause hearing was sent in February and scheduled for March. It was tabled in March and April due to owners Deb and James Baumler being out of town. No repairs were noted. Rose's recommendation was for the city to have the sewer and water disconnected and the building removed.

Deb Baumler reported they have three interested builders. One did a walkthrough and got an estimate for demolition with and without asbestos for the original building. The same person reported an asbestos assessment would be \$2500. Baumlers did a walkthrough May 7 with Jane Kangas of the ND Health Department. Not all areas could be inspected. Kangas suggested Brownfield grant money may be available if the owner was a public entity or non-profit. Baumler recommended the city own the building and pursue the grant.

Discussion regarding grant and city ownership risks/rewards. City is not interested in risking possession without guaranteed funding. Baumlers were instructed to provide formal assessment and demolition quotes from reputable businesses and a formal evaluation from the Department of Health. All information must be submitted to Ohnstad Twichell by May 21, 2018.

M Wetzel-Hagemeister directing Rose to proceed with an RFP for the school property removal. Carried.

Scott Butz requested permission to rent a lot to a temporary tenant from May to November 7, 2018. Camper/tenant would be responsible for water/sewer and garbage. Discussion.

M Hagemeister- Becker to allow a temporary tenant if all trailer park licensure is current and the property owner (Butz) makes utility payments. Carried.

One mowing bid was submitted. The council reviewed the bid offered by Northland Enterprises.

M Wetzel-Becker to recommend award a two-year contract to Northland Enterprises. Carried.

Wilner and Davidson inquired about a potential fiber optic tower to be installed in Richwood. The city has no information regarding this project.

Becker requested reimbursement for pumphouse hose purchased.

M Wetzel-Hagemeister to reimburse \$53.15 to Dave Becker from the Water-Sewer fund. Carried.

Discussion regarding a gravel street maintenance schedule and options. Teberg will visit with the County about services. Lovejoy may be interested in future snow removal.

M Hagemeister-Wetzel to designate the Cass County Reporter as the official newspaper. Carried.

Election Update: No candidates have filed for Mayor, Hagemeister and Becker have filed for the two Council positions, and Jamison Jensen is the lone candidate filed for the three open Park Board positions.

M Wetzel- Hagemeister to approve Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$275,000 Water Treatment Revenue Bond, Series 2018B. Motion carried on roll call vote: Aye-Becker, Hagemeister, Wetzel. Absent-Clouse.

M Wetzel-Becker to approve Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$775,000 Wastewater Treatment Revenue Bond, Series 2018A. Motion carried on roll call vote: Aye-Becker, Hagemeister, Wetzel. Absent-Clouse.

M Hagemeister-Becker to pay bills: Cass County Electric \$581, Cass County Reporter \$182.26, Park District \$1168.30, Office Depot \$100, Office Depot \$7.67, Mary Howatt \$923.50, Moore Engineering \$10,853.50, Cass County Electric \$741.45, Century Link \$58.65, Cass Rural Water \$3212.60, Waste Management \$3107.85, City of Fargo \$14, Key Contracting \$2860, Office Depot \$36.99, Hornbacher's \$21.70, Allan Woods \$923.50. Carried.

Next Regular Meeting: June 4, 2018

Meeting adjourned 8:26 PM

Minutes subject to review and approval.

Mary Howatt - Auditor