

Argusville City Council Regular Meeting

May 4, 2020

Mayor Darren Wetzel called the meeting to order at 7:02pm via Zoom Webinar. In attendance: Dave Becker, Wayne Hagemeister, Jenna Saewert, Mary Howatt. Also in attendance: Justin Hall, Deputy Craig Keller, Mike Lovejoy, Jamison Jensen, Josh Chaddock, Susie Carlson, Sarah VanderWal, Steve Winterquist, Steve Laaveg, Sydney Staeffler, Tamara bates, Laurie Salander, and SL.

M Saewert-Becker to approve April and Tax Equalization meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

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

Community Reports:

- ACDC: Next building reservation is in July. Table holder rebuilt for increased safety. Storage areas cleaned substantially.
- AFD: Meeting/classes done virtually. On call, but activity quiet. Dispatch does provide Covid-19 notifications. Monitoring whether to meet in person or weekly via Zoom.
- Park: Will be meeting on Zoom Tuesday.
- HOA: Getting bids for seal coating, installing electricity to park shelter, meeting via Zoom. Discussed 167th seal coating; request quote.

Deputy Keller reported on local activity. Discussed abandoned trailer. Keller left meeting.

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

Howatt reported on election plans.

Councilman Rod Clouse arrived at meeting.

M Hagemeister-Becker to approve Mobile Home License to Scott Butz. Carried.

M Becker-Saewert to authorize Howatt to dispose of records for the 2020 retention schedule. Carried.

Sarah Wear arrived at meeting.

Howatt presented letter from Northern Cass School requesting documentation for plans to end the Richwood TIF. Wetzel explained TIF research and operations; recommended paying it off in 2020. Discussed holding pond; Richards plans to work with city to protect holding pond and manage the area. Will need to set up a long term lease for the property and a drainage easement to discharge water. Levee upgrade to USACE standards would be an assessed improvement.

M Becker-Hagemeister to direct Ohnstad Twichell to initiate process to close the TIF at the end of 2020 pending retention pond long terms lease agreement. Ayes: Becker, Clouse, Hagemeister, Saewert. Nay: none. Carried.

Discussed HOA unspent funds. Jensen indicated understanding the HOA money stays with residents as it was a fee. Funds could be used for development needs (dike mowing, drainage issues, other fixes). The HOA could be disbanded at any given time or could continue as long as people are willing to be on the board and pay fees, etc. Bylaws would cover how to manage the ending. HOA will need to determine use.

Hall provided update on SW17 project. Reviewed televising with L2. Lift station area still under discussion. Delayed by Covid and limited crews. Hope to start excavation on June 12. Anticipate 7-8 weeks to completion. Discussed possible leak on 3rd Street. Hall will be visiting sites for review. Discussed road conditions; will need to wait until end for work. Invoice will be held for next SRF request. Hall will provide written update on expenses.

M Becker-Clouse to pay Invoice 25531 for \$5370.46 for SW17 expenses. Carried.

Plan to request full service maintenance bids at end of summer. Becker and Hagemeister will work on the bid specifics.

Mosquito: current inventory of 1.25 cases. Howatt will order more.

Discussion regarding community issues. Steinhauer drainage will be looked at. Resident not paying late fees is being monitored. Bryson abandoned septic tank removed. Alley in Block 3 has drive through issues; could add gravel to make it a roadway if needed.

Chicken ordinance discussion. Current ordinance allows chickens (Richwood Covenants do not), but restrictions are not well defined. Howatt will work on a draft with first reading at June meeting.

Discussion regarding business displays on private property. Tabled for business license discussion.

Saewert provided CDBG update. Doors and concrete getting lined up.

Discussed Donna Drive gravel. City was to provide one load and S.Winterquist one load. Lovejoy will work on it this month. Clouse noted it may need more than two loads.

Halstad Telephone should be starting back up soon. Lovejoy will start working on levee list when it dries up. Wetzel will work on flapgate caulking. Hall will add Slinger grade shooting to project list.

Curbside clean up is June 2. Yard waste container is now available.

M Clouse-Hagemeister to pay bills: Cass Electric \$585.90, Cass County Reporter \$169.62, Zoom \$15.81 & \$42.20, Park District \$1377.40, NDLC \$60, Office Depot \$125.24 & \$10.26, Mary Howatt \$1062.03, Ohnstad Twichell \$500, Northland Dirt Works \$375, Century Link \$64.65, Cass Electric \$842.49, Cass Rural Water \$3195.31, Waste Management \$3181.96 & \$192.39, City of Fargo \$14, Randy Teberg \$116.28, Allan Woods \$1062.03. Carried.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, June 1, 7:00 PM

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

Meeting adjourned – 9:15 PM

Minutes subject to review and approval.

Mary Howatt - Auditor