

# Argusville City Council Regular Meeting

May 2, 2022

Mayor Darren Wetzel called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Dave Becker, Rod Clouse, Jenna Saewert, Katie Shipley, Mary Howatt, Mike Lovejoy, Chris Walski, Steven Zimmer, and Deputy Chad Thompson.

M Clouse-Becker to approve consent agenda: Tax Equalization minutes, April minutes, April finance report, online levee transfers of \$50 and \$5, and bills to be paid: Cass County Electric \$590.80 & \$29, Cass County Reporter \$90.78 & \$70, Park District \$400.40, Office Depot \$128.40, Northland Enterprises \$1,833.33, MHowatt \$1154.38, Century Link \$67, Cass County Electric \$797.30, Cass Rural Water \$2605.33 & \$155, Waste Management \$3356.93, City of Fargo \$14, AWoods \$1154.38, and Argusville HOA \$460. Carried.

Zimmer presented first reading of the Comprehensive Plan as approved by Argusville Zoning/Planning Commission. Content is done; fine tuning presentation is in progress. Discussed drainage easement by elevator, reshaping the railroad right-of-way, and potential for developing land within the levee. Mitigation plan was reviewed by engineer, no need for changes at this time. Table approval to June.

Deputy Thompson reported on local activity. Tip of the month is “turn around, don’t drown.” Reminder there is a \$250 find and potential arrest if you drive past road closed signs/barricades.

Levee Inspection: Televising was last done in 2016; we are due. Wetzel will contact Hall and Woods to set this up.

Argusville School: County Commission continues to work on this and is seeking grant funding for demolition.

Halstad Telephone to install cameras in May 17 & 18. Council requests HTC arrange electrician to assist with completing work. Equipment to be installed in the Community Center office space. Saewert will follow up with HTC.

Spring Clean-up is scheduled for May 22 (metals) and May 24 (curbside). Lovejoy will use metal funds to compensate him for trailer damage.

Sanitary sewer pumps have been overworked during recent wet weather, tripping the alarms. There are some concerns about basements flooding. Woods is checking into upgrading pumps in both areas. ARPA and reserve funds could be used to pay for the project. Wetzel will contact Woods about this. Other ARPA projects could include fire hydrants, automatic read water meters, and replacing the storm water pump in the city proper.

The Tractor Pull will be October 8, 2022. Apple Festival could run concurrently, but the tractor pull cannot be part of it since it would not be accessible as ND Community Cares requires. Letters are out, donations are coming in. Parking and traffic congestion are concerns; Wetzel will contact County Highway Dept.

Election: Tuesday, June 14, 7:00am-7:00pm – Argusville will not be a voting site. Will post voting locations in mailing.

After School Program: Shipley is researching options and solutions for after school childcare. Discussion about after school program history and local options/limitations.

Clouse raised concern about Richwood Park drainage problems resulting from landscaping on the city right of way. He will visit with the family to address the problem.

Lovejoy will blade the streets and is creating a plan for street maintenance/repair this summer

Next Meeting: Monday, June 6, 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned 8:28pm.

Minutes subject to review and approval.

Mary Howatt – Auditor