

Argusville City Council Regular Meeting

November 2, 2020

Mayor Darren Wetzel called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the following in attendance: Dave Becker, Jenna Saewert, Katie Shipley, Mary Howatt, Justin Hall, Steve Lovejoy, Carol Lovejoy, and Mike Lovejoy. Absent: Wayne Hagemeister.

M Becker-Saewert to approve consent agenda: 10/5 minutes (edit: first responder considering not beginning), October finance report, and bills to be paid: Cass County Electric \$590.80, Zoom \$15.81, Cass County Reporter \$76.54, Starion Bond \$678,602.50, GovOffice \$660.00, Park District \$1,329.37, Dirt Works \$1,155.00, Mary Howatt \$1,062.03, Ohnstad Twichell \$950.00, Century Link \$65.40, Cass County Electric \$494.72, Cass Rural Water \$3506.99, Waste Management \$3,204.56 & \$159.39, City of Fargo \$14.00, State of ND \$251.58, Water Smith \$29.04, Allan Woods \$1,062.03, and Argusville HOA \$520.00. Carried.

Hall provided Engineer Report. Wetzel, Becker, Saewert and Hall completed SW17 final inspection October 13. Project is considered final. Reviewed the project financial report; \$58,000 under budget.

M Saewert-Becker to approve final balancing change order #3, \$227,290.96. Carried.

M Shipley-Saewert to approve final contractor's application for payment #9, \$0. Carried.

M Becker-Saewert to approve payment of engineering invoice #25190 for \$5738.50. Carried.

Richwood Estates drainage pond easements and lease agreement preliminary exhibits are complete. Hall and Wetzel to meet with Jim Richards for preliminary approval.

Hall left meeting.

Reviewed unpaid bill list. Resident utility to be sent certified. Resident street scheduled to pay.

Saewert provided grant update: Center floors prepped Nov. 16 week, finished in December; bathroom remodel/flooring to begin Dec. 3. Fixtures can be installed, but they are not covered by the grant.

M Shipley-Becker to approve up to \$1200 for purchase of dispensers, fixtures, and paper/soap products. Carried.

Dept of Commerce to visit November 12. City tour followed by community meeting. Event limited to 25% capacity; will be offered online. City will send postcards to residents to be paid from Community Development fund. Needs Assessment has begun; Steven Zimmer may be at Commerce meeting.

Discussed ACDC. Several board members have resigned. City and ACDC want to keep non-profit status. Additional board members are needed to maintain it. Discussed building updates, grants, sinking funds, and communication. Carol Lovejoy requested sending email to city regarding the value of getting involved – including rural community members; will work with Howatt on this.

Discussed water break repair bill and splitting expense. Wetzel to speak with Halstad Telephone about this.

Saewert requested reimbursement for vibrancy grant project expenses.

M Becker-Shipley to reimburse \$196.14 to Saewert payable from Property Upkeep. Carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:31 pm

Next meeting December 7 at 7:00pm.

Minutes subject to review and approval.

Mary Howatt – Auditor