

Member Teberg introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING UTILITY POLICY

WHEREAS, the City of Argusville wishes to adopt a formal policy for properties in the jurisdiction of the City of Argusville, North Dakota, receiving utility service from the City of Argusville, in accordance with Chapter 9-01 of the Revised Ordinances of 2012 of the City of Argusville.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 9-01 of the Revised Ordinances of 2012 of the City of Argusville, the owner of any and all property within the jurisdiction of the City of Argusville is responsible for payment of all utilities associated with any and all property owned by that individual.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that each property owner is responsible for payment of any meter deposit required for utility service to each parcel or piece of property, including rental property, within the jurisdiction of the City of Argusville.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon a request for utility service, each property owner, and tenant if for a rental property, will be provided with the rates for service, date bills are mailed, and deadline for payment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, for all rental property, the City of Argusville will provide both the owner of the property and the tenant on the property a copy of the utility bill each month for that property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, for all rental property, both the owner of the rental property and the tenant on the rental property will be notified in the case of delinquency on the utility bill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a utility bill for a property is 60 days past due, a notice of shut-off and notice that the account will be terminated will be sent to both the owner of the property and, in the case of rental property, the tenant on the property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, for all rental property, the owner of the rental property will be responsible for payment of any and all outstanding utility bills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, for any utility bill that remains unpaid after the expiration of the date given on the notice of shut-off and notice of account termination, the owner of the property will be responsible for payment of the delinquent amount of the bill prior to utility service to the property being reinstated. In the alternative, any delinquent amount may be collected in accordance with the Ordinances of the City of Argusville and in accordance with North Dakota law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, for all property that becomes vacant, including any rental property that becomes vacant, the owner of the property is responsible for payment of the minimum basic monthly charges for utilities on the property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the owner of property, or a tenant of a rental property, has an extended absence from the property, the owner or the tenant may notify the City of Argusville in writing of the extended absence and garbage fees will be cancelled for the period of absence from the property. Water, sewer and all other city fees will be charged to the property unless the owner of the property directs the City of Argusville in writing to turn off the water to the property at the curbstop. A hook-up fee will be required from the owner of the property when a request is made to turn on the water to the property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said policy will be effective January 6, 2014.

Dated: January 6, 2014

APPROVED:

Gary Tandsater, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Howatt, City Auditor

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Clouse. On roll call vote, the following Members voted aye: Becker, Clouse, Hagemeister, Teberg. The following Members voted nay: none. The following Members were absent and not voting: none. The majority having voted aye, the motion carried and the resolution was duly adopted.