

Argusville City Council Meeting

September 4, 2018

Mayor Darren Wetzel called the meeting to order at 7:22 following the Zoning Public Hearing. The following were in attendance: Dave Becker, Rod Clouse, Wayne Hagemeister, Mary Howatt, Brandon Smith, Justin Hall, Cheri Wetzel, Brian Rom, Al Woods, Bryan Hovland, Jon Carlson, Craig Keller, Jesse Jahner, Mike Lovejoy, Jenna Saewert, Joey Brandt, Travis Winterquist, Larry Carlson, and Gary Tandsater.

M Clouse-Becker to approve August Meeting minutes. Carried

M Becker-Clouse to approve August Finance report as presented. Carried.

M Clouse-Hagemeister to approve St. William's gaming permit for October 7, 2018. Carried.

M Clouse-Hagemeister to approve Happy Trails liquor license transfer to Argusville Community Center on October 20, 2018. Carried.

Public Hearing: Conditional Use Permit: C Wetzel reported Zoning unanimously approved the conditional use permit for building a tower/building at the NE corner of 2551 167 Avenue SE. Discussion about building permit process for structures and potential easements.

M Hagemeister-Clouse to approve Conditional Use Permit for Brian Rom at 2551 167 Avenue SE. Carried.

Deputy Keller reported on local activity. Discussion on recent speeders and reckless driving in town. Will request speed trailer for 167th. Cass County Sheriff's Department will be doing training in town on September 10.

Jahner provided update from Sheriff's Department and encouraged city to share Code Red information with city residents again as part of emergency preparedness.

Hall updated on Sewer-Water 17 project status. Smith was present as project inspector. Carlson was present to represent L2 Contracting. Proposed completion date is October 8 and appears to be on track for that date. Additional crew members have been added. Backordered supplies have arrived. Discussion on process and procedure regarding digging throughout town. Discussion on resident concerns. Ditches and yards will be addressed in final stages. Woods noted the lift station needs to be serviced soon to fulfill USACE levee and city requirements. Focus right now is on sanitary sewer lines and getting pipe set to grade. Lynn Dawn Drive will be a major dig. Centennial will have a large dig too. Substantial completion date was September 7. Increased inspector hours and liquidated damages have been discussed.

M Becker-Clouse to pay Contractor's Application for Payment #3 for \$65,104.09. Carried.

M Clouse-Hagemeister to pay Moore Engineering Invoice for \$28,142.25. Carried.

M Hagemeister-Becker to approve CWSRF #4 for \$55,289 and DWSRF #4 for \$37,598. Carried.

Pre-application for 2019 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund will not completed this year. Leftover clay fill or other debris is the contractor's responsibility. City may retain the clay if they want it.

Wetzel reviewed levee inspection visit. Discussed ongoing rodent burrow issue and depressions needing to be filled. Discussed levee fence and power poles needing relocation. Storm sewers and culverts will need to be video mapped in 2019.

A Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Flood Risk Management Project has been shared with the city. Comments will be accepted until September 27.

Wetzel provided update on asbestos assessments at the Argusville School. American Enterprises recommended a licensed inspector at JBX, Inc. Wetzel will work to get assessment completed.

Cass County Electric needs to establish a revised easement for power lines in the city proper by UCC and the west side of the park property.

M Hagemeister-Becker to approve easement for Cass County Electric on the west 10 feet of Lot 5, Block 1, Progress First Addition to the City of Argusville, Cass County, North Dakota. Carried.

Clouse has ordered and will install a street sign for Donna Drive. Discussed sign replacement and standards for throughout the community. Discussed options for reporting speed issues and those who do not stop at stop signs.

Howatt reported on parties interested in filling the unexpired City Council position. Members interviewed Saewert for the position.

M Becker-Clouse to appoint Jenna Saewert to fill the City Council position. Carried.

Strategic planning committee tabled until SW17 work is completed.

Final Budget Hearing is set for October 1 at 6:45 PM.

Lovejoy inquired about setting up a maintenance contract for levee and property maintenance, possibly combined with mowing contract. Discussion.

M Becker-Hagemester to pay bills – Cass County Electric \$581, Cass County Reporter \$151.32, Office Depot \$9.37, USPS \$52.50, Ohnstad Twichell \$651, Mary Howatt \$923.50, Century Link \$60.79, Cass County Electric \$589.47, Cass Rural Water \$4234.53, Waste Management \$3076.11, Airborne Custom Spray \$1240, Ohnstad Twichell \$372, City of Fargo \$14, and Allan Woods \$923.50. Carried.

Next Regular Meeting will be Monday, October 1, 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned 9:25 PM

Minutes are subject to review and approval.

Mary Howatt - auditor