

Argusville City Council Regular Meeting

September 6, 2022

Mayor Darren Wetzel called the meeting to order at 7:04pm with the following in attendance: Rod Clouse, Jenna Saewert, Katie Shipley, Mary Howatt. Absent: Parker Vander Wal. Also in attendance, David Saville, Jamison Jenson, Shawn Salander, Mike Lovejoy, and Al Woods.

M Clouse-Saewert to approve consent agenda: August meeting minutes, August finance report, bills to be paid: Cass County Electric \$590.80 & \$29, Cass County Reporter \$107.80, USPS \$120, Farmers Union \$25, Park District \$536.93, Straightline \$2031.36, Halstad Telephone Company \$7545, Holcim \$2203.97, MHowatt \$1154.38, Northland Enterprises \$1833.33, Office Depot \$130.11, Softline Data \$1382.25, Cass County Electric \$572.82, Cass Rural Water \$5067.27, Waste Management \$3424.07 & \$430.56, City of Fargo \$14, Al Woods \$102.22, Farmers Union \$1574, Airborne Custom Spraying \$1215, David Coen \$3.70, ND One Call \$5.20, AWoods \$1154.38, Tonya Slinger \$28.90, Halstad Telephone \$242.25, and online transfers from WS to general, \$60 & \$5 for levee payments, and from WS to Park: \$527.09. Carried.

HOA discussion regarding covenants and ordinances. Council recommended HOA exist as a functioning organization for governing purposes. City funds will now cover street repairs, etc., since the TIF is done. Salander indicated the HOA board would be interested in continuing in that capacity.

Chad Tice, Halstad Telephone, arrived. Tice reviewed security camera installation and provided an operational overview. Limited members will have login access. Council recommended purchase of generic signage regarding surveillance.

Jensen, Saville, and Salander left meeting.

No Deputy or Engineer Report. Wetzel will follow up with Richards regarding retention pond easement.

Water Meters: Remote readers due to arrive in October; a licensed plumber will need to install them. Discussed purchase of a hydrant meter for commercial water usage. Cost is estimated at \$1500.

M Saewert-Shipley to purchase a hydrant meter. Carried.

M Clouse-Saewert to purchase/install a check valve for Richwood discharge pump. Carried. Woods will order supplies.

Residential property upkeep is making progress. Other community areas are of concern as well. Determined letters should be sent in the spring before Clean Up week to encourage community response.

Lovejoy reported he has been working on 167th road repairs and will be adding additional gravel to Donna Drive. Estimated expense for repairs at \$1500.

Howatt reported former TIF money may be invested for the building fund; recommended waiting until fall. Began review of city mowing/property upkeep contract to ensure needed services are included in future contracts. Discussion. Lovejoy will track work phases to help determine future plans.

Discussed possible grant pursuits: addition of retention pond/fencing, pump station upgrade/road maintenance improvement, city building, water tower, city sign, and paved roads. Council requests reviewing details before accepting any grant.

School demolition: no report. Lisburg property: her attorney is working on a resolution; not city responsibility. Woods and Lovejoy left the meeting. Tice provided training for council members on safety cameras.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 3, 7:00pm. Budget hearing at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Minutes subject to review and approval.

Mary Howatt - Auditor