

**City of Argusville**  
**Special Meeting- Halstad Telephone Company**  
**September 23, 2019, 7:00pm**

Called meeting to order at: 7:05pm

Council Members in attendance: Mayor Darren Wetzel, Rod Clouse, Dave Becker, Wayne Hagemeister, and Jenna Saewert. Others in attendance were Brady Backstrom, Brett Walker, Lance Nelson, Mike McCullough, Josh Gustafson, Krista Gustafson, Norm Tupper, Steph Tupper, Joey Brandt, Toby Bryson, Laura Bryson, Jamison Jensen and David Saville.

Mayor Wetzel explained the meeting requirements of two open meetings to the public at least seven days apart in order to proceed with contract agreement and installation of fiber-optic cables by Halstad Telephone Company. Mayor Wetzel briefly explained the ordinance, allowing Halstad Telephone Company access on city right of way, and other specifications. The ordinance was provided by the city attorney and copies have been submitted to Halstad Telephone Company. Upon completing the explanation of the ordinance, Mayor Wetzel opened the floor for questions.

Resident had question about access to private property. Halstad Telephone Company will contact each resident individually before any trenching or household hook-ups are started, to confirm location. Discussion continued.

Mayor Wetzel confirmed the history of previous contractors that were interested in providing the Argusville community with internet/television services, and how each of them had made the choice not to continue due to lack of interest and other reasons.

Question about approximate time installation would begin, Mayor Wetzel was unsure of timeline stating that they will need to obtain permits for passing under the interstate and railroad which will take some time, but that Halstad Telephone Company wants to get started as soon as possible, and the city was doing their best to assist in progressing the project quickly.

Resident wondered if they would need any storage in the Richwood Estates area. Discussion continued that by the lift station would be an option, but the community center space should be sufficient. Will check with Halstad Telephone Company to confirm.

Discussion of security cameras and the benefits of safety throughout the community, another service and set up option through Halstad Telephone Company, additional fees may apply.

No further questions or comments from those in attendance.

Next Special Meeting will be held on Monday, September 30, 2019 at 7pm at the Argusville Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm

Minutes prepared by council member, Jenna Saewert.