

# Argusville City Council Regular Meeting

August 5, 2013

Mayor Tandsater called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following in attendance: Wayne Hagemeister, Rod Clouse, Dave Becker, Randy Teberg, and Mary Howatt. Also present: Craig Ventzke, Nick Gludt, Al Woods, Dan Nelson, Ryan Thompson, and Deputy Jeff Arth.

The July minutes and finance report were approved as presented.

Nelson, of Midcontinent Communications, presented internet information. At this time the number of homes passed is too small for them to justify the capital expense to expand into our area.

Gludt provided Levee and Progress Addition updates. A baseline risk assessment conference call will need to be scheduled. Cass County flood sales tax has approved \$30,000 payment. The special assessment committee will be contacted to begin the assessment process. The following carried unanimously:

M Clouse – S Teberg to accept white sign design at \$17.19 per sign, 34 signs, spaced at 500 feet.

M Teberg – S Becker to pay Moore Engineering invoice #5883 for \$4387.50.

M Teberg – S Clouse to approve final payment to Sellin Brothers contingent up approval of final inspection.

M Becker – S Hagemeister to table megger repairs to determine what the Corps requires.

Eric Nesius is interested in buying a strip of city land between his property line and the levee. Progress 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition (replat of blocks 1,2,4,5 and 6 of original townsite) public hearing for the preliminary plat will need to be scheduled. More consideration for Progress 1<sup>st</sup> Addition is needed. Church property purchase is proceeding.

M Becker – S Hagemeister to sell the city parcel by levee to Nesius for \$2400 plus legal costs. Motion carried.

M Teberg – S Hagemeister to table Progress First Addition project for more information. Motion carried.

Tandsater left the meeting and Teberg took over as chair. Discussion was held regarding Tandsater providing contracted services for re-plat project and determined his services were necessary for the project.

M Becker – S Clouse to approve service contract resolution for Gary Tandsater. Motion carried.

Teberg closed the service contract meeting. Tandsater rejoined meeting and presented his abstract hours.

**Trailer Park:** Curb stop project is complete. Grass seed will be spread in ditch and by hydrants in Westrick Addition. Trailer at 206 Aldrich has been removed. Zoning and ordinance requirements apply for any new trailer brought in.

**Website:** looking at options to fund a student intern.

**Streets:** Discussion on street gravel/blading. Council recommended one inch with more gravel in areas with higher need.

**Lift Stations:** Woods presented report; Council gave him the go ahead to do whatever upgrades were necessary.

**Budget:** Howatt presented notes for the Council's consideration. The preliminary budget will be presented in September.

**City permits:** no report. Discussion tabled until Wetzel and Rose are present.

The following carried unanimously:

M Hagemeister – S Becker to approve second reading to rezone the school property from commercial to residential.

M Teberg – S Hagemeister to approve gaming permit for St. William's Church on October 6, 2013.

M Hagemeister – S Clouse to approve liquor license transfer for Happy Trails to the Community Center on September 14.

Deputy Arth reported on local activity. Tandsater reported street lights at Community Center, St. William's and on Northern Drive were shot out. Cass County Electric has offered \$500 reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of the vandals. Discussion about matching the award. Concerns about setting precedent were raised. That concern was countered with the need to discourage use of firearms within city limits.

M Teberg – S Hagemeister to match the CCEC reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of the vandals. Aye – Becker, Teberg, Hagemeister. Nay – Clouse. Motion carried.

M Becker – S Hagemeister to pay bills: Cass Electric \$544.95, ND Insurance Dept \$514.05, Cass County Reporter \$85.28, Ohnstad Twichell \$3219.50, State Auditor \$200, American Enterprises \$6000, Park Board \$1785.57, Bank of ND \$23,400, Gary Tandsater \$275, Century Link \$56.70, Cass Electric \$ 566.37, Cass Rural Water \$3685.06, Metro Disposal \$2097, City of Fargo \$14, ND Sewage Pump \$400, Airborne Custom Spraying \$3670, Farmers Union \$1378, Bank of ND \$47,775, Agassiz Underground \$3716, Randy Pokrzywinski \$50.10.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday**, September 3, 7:00 PM

Motion Hagemeister – Second Teberg to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:54 PM.

Mary Howatt – Auditor