

ARNOLD COMMUNITY CENTER
October 12, 2020

A regular meeting of the Chairman and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arnold, Nebraska was held in the Meeting Room at the Arnold Community Center on Monday, October 12, 2020 at the hour of 7:00 P.M. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by publication and by posting notices at the following places: Facebook, Pinnacle Bank, Post Office, Reeds Food Center, and the Village Office. Said notice contained the statement that the agenda kept continuously current was available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk during normal business hours. Notice of this meeting and an agenda was given to the Board Members and all members present acknowledged receipt of said notice. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Chairman Glen Bowers called the meeting to order and Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, recorded the proceedings. On roll call the following were present: Glen Bowers, Donnell DeLosh, Scott McDowell, Aaron Olson. Absent: Tim Turley. A quorum being present the following proceedings were had and done.

Chairman Glen Bowers publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available for public inspection and is posted on the west wall of the meeting room in the Arnold Community Center.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting on September 14, 2020 and the special meetings on September 21, 2020 and September 23, 2020 were not read as the Clerk had previously furnished each member with a copy thereof. Moved by Olson and seconded by DeLosh that the minutes of the previous regular meeting on September 14, 2020 be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Olson. Nay: none. Abstain: McDowell. Absent: Turley. Motion carried.

Moved by DeLosh and seconded by McDowell that the minutes of the special meeting on September 21, 2020 be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Turley. Motion carried.

Moved by McDowell and seconded by DeLosh that the minutes of the special meeting on September 23, 2020 be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Turley. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the claims paid in September:

09/14	Total Amount of Claims Approved & Paid	
		\$ 93,585.71
09/16	Nebraska Department of Revenue	
		5,450.95 Sales Tax
09/30	Payroll	9,821.96
	Aflac	269.75 Payroll Deductions
	IRS	3,958.59 Payroll Taxes/Federal WH
	Nebraska Department of Revenue	
		566.47 State Withholding (Sept)
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS-SEPT		\$113,653.43

The Treasurer's Report revealed there is \$112,522.03 in the General Fund; \$41,449.72 in the Edna B. Peterson Estate; \$182,012.15 in the Street Fund; \$16,212.34 in the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Fund; \$822,101.31 in the Electric Fund; \$162,022.73 in the Water Fund; \$79,545.53 in the Sewer Fund; (\$44,959.92) in the Solid Waste Fund; \$51,534.08 in the Closure/Post Closure Care Account; \$154,536.59 in the Economic Development Fund; \$1,012.46 in the Community Development Agency Fund; \$12,664.59 in the Trust & Agency Funds as of September 30, 2020. After discussion, moved by Olson and seconded by McDowell that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, McDowell, Olson, Nay: none. Absent: Turley. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the following claims on file:

American Agricultural Laboratory		
	121.18	Testing (WW)
Arnold Insurance Agency	292.32	Group Term Life Insurance
Arnold Insurance Agency	19,133.25	Insurance - Quarterly Premium
Mary Becker	376.17	Salary
Broken Bow Municipal Utilities		
	140.00	(2) 200 Amp Fuses
Callaway District Hospital	60.00	Random Drug Testing
City Of North Platte	595.92	Tipping Fees
Croell, Inc.	220.80	Gravel
Dutton-Lainson Company	3,987.60	electric supplies
Eakes Office Solutions	42.14	office supplies
Tory Edwards	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Harvey Foran	945.48	Salary
Kenneth Goodenow Jr	791.81	Salary
Great Plains Communications		
	142.80	CC: Telephone/Internet
Great Plains Communications		
	453.69	Telephone/Internet

HireRight, LLC	71.40	Random Drug Testing Services
Richard Hornung	660.00	Crawler/Loader with Operator
Patricia Lamberty	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Paula De Laune	461.75	CC: Salary
Paula De Laune	277.05	Parks: Salary
Ralph De Laune	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency		
	894.60	Tipping Fees
Mills Hardware	477.92	electric supplies
Mills Hardware	41.44	water supplies
Mills Hardware	89.21	Street Expense
Mills Hardware	460.61	Park Expense
Mills Hardware	42.75	Plywood
Mills Hardware	6.49	duct tape
Mills Hardware	42.44	cleaning & office supplies
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska		
	24,510.94	Electricity
Municipal Supply, Inc.	164.81	water supplies
Nansel's Best Service	1,726.54	Diesel/Gas/Equipment Repairs & Maintenance
Nebraska U.C. Fund	82.98	3 rd Quarter Unemployment
One Call Concepts, Inc.	17.46	One Call Fees
Pacific Funds	634.92	pension
Petty Cash Fund	127.44	Postage
Pinnacle Bank (VISA)	89.56	Plasma Cutter (Parts)
Pinnacle Bank	17,803.69	Loan Payoff (John Deere Utility Tractor)
Reeds Food Center	62.54	supplies
The Arnold Sentinel	396.05	Publishing Fees
Village of Arnold	7,699.09	utilities
WESCO Receivables Corp	825.38	crimping tool
Alexandra Weinman	40.00	Contract Labor (Janitorial)
Rusty Wyckoff	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Bell Lumber & Pole Company		
	7,790.47	Wood Utility Poles
Borders Law Office	101.00	Attorney Fee
Country Partners Cooperative		
	1,290.28	Diesel/Gas/Scale Fees
Custer Public Power District		
	34.21	Electricity
Johnny on the Spot	140.00	Portable Toilet
Mills Lawn	2,276.10	Law Service (App #4)
Nebraska Municipal Power Pool		
	870.00	Job Training & Safety Classes
US Department of Energy	10,891.47	Electricity
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TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIM	\$108,603.75	

After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Olson that the claims be approved and paid as presented except for the claims payable to Country Partners Cooperative. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Turley. Motion carried.

Moved by McDowell and seconded by Olson to pay the claim payable to Country Partners Cooperative. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Abstain: DeLosh. Absent: Turley. Motion carried.

Cheryl Carson, Arnold Economic Development Director, informed the Board that the AEDC recommends a \$15,000.00 loan to Midwest Kustoms, LLC. Cheryl Carson stated that the loan is to purchase the building at 110 East 7th Avenue. After discussion, moved by Olson and seconded by DeLosh to issue a check to Midwest Kustoms for \$15,000.00 for a loan from the Economic Development Fund as recommended by the AEDC. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Turley. Motion carried.

Cheryl Carson informed the Board that the AEDC recommends a \$2,000.00 grant be issued to Midwest Kustoms. The grant will accompany a loan from the Economic Development Fund. After discussion, moved by McDowell and seconded by Olson to issue a check from the Economic Development Fund for \$2,000.00 for a grant to accompany the loan as recommended by the AEDC. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Turley. Motion carried.

Consideration of authorizing Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk to issue a check to Arnold Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) upon closing for the purchase of the following Real Estate: Original Town Block 6 Lots 1-4

Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3) and Four (4), Block Six (6), Original Town was the next item on the agenda. The Board had previously approved the AEDC's request for funds in the amount of \$27,472.00 for costs associated in purchasing the said real estate at a special meeting held on August 24, 2020. The AEDC's goal is to purchase and secure ownership of the lots, remove unsafe existing structures and plan for future development beneficial to the community of Arnold. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Olson that Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, be authorized to issue a check from the Economic Development Fund to AEDC to purchase said real estate upon closing. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Turley. Motion carried.

Cheryl Carson presented the Board a check for \$5,309.60 from the AEDC for the purchase of a Merry Go Round at the City Park. The \$5,309.60 is from donations and fundraisers. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by McDowell to issue a check for \$7,848.00 to Sterling West for a Merry Go Round as per 2020-2021 budget. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Turley. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by Olson and seconded by McDowell that the following claims be approved and paid as presented from the Economic Development Fund:

AEDC	\$1,520.07	Salary (C Carson-Reimbursement)
AEDC	116.29	Payroll Taxes - Reimbursement
AEDC	119.88	Dropbox Plus (Reimbursement)
AEDC	430.20	Lighted Display Cases @ ARA (Reimbursement)
Cheryl Carson	50.00	Cell Phone (Reimbursement)
Columbia Insurance Group	2,959.00	Commercial Package Insurance
Columbia Insurance Group	268.00	Workers Compensation
Kristi Dvorak	330.00	Website: Updates/Hosting Fees
Great Plains Communications	127.04	Telephone/Internet
Village of Arnold	137.41	Utilities
Alexandra Weinman	40.00	Contract Labor - Janitorial
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$6,097.89	

Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Turley. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was consideration of Dennis McGuire's request to return the name of Arnold City Park to the original name of R.E. Allen Park. The following letter was submitted to the Village Board:

My name is Dennis McGuire. I am a Great Grandson of Richard E. Allen the founder of Arnold. This letter is on behalf of myself, my living cousins and by proxy our beloved deceased parents and siblings. We have all spent time in Arnold (*almost all were in attendance at the Centennial celebration when our parents were Grand Marshalls*) and take great pride in our family history.

The purpose of this letter is to ask that the Board please return the name of the "Arnold City Park" to the "R.E. Allen park". This land on which is sits was given to the town by him (along with the land for the public schools and the Methodist Church) in the early 1930's from the "R. E. Allen Addition".

The family is open to discussion of costs and possible funding for a new sign. Please do not hesitate to approach us on that matter.

We are excited that the Rotary Club has plans for a plaque to be placed at the park. Having the plaque would mean so much more with the park name being back as it once was.

Our parents were proud of the name formerly given to the park. They are gone but not forgotten and we would like to make things right in their memory.

We welcome any comments, questions or requests for information.

Respectfully

Dennis McGuire
1268 Piazza Lane
Clovis, CA 93612

Cheryl Carson informed the Board that she has been in contact with Dennis McGuire. Dennis McGuire has emailed a lot of photos and information. Discussion was held on the request. Chairman Glen Bowers stated that we do not know when or why the name was changed from R. E. Allen Park to the Arnold City Park and that he has had a lot of comments from people not wanting to change the name. Chairman Glen Bowers suggested keeping the name Arnold City Park but put the following on a new sign:

Arnold City Park
Established by Donation of Land by R.E. Allen

Cheryl Carson mentioned R.E. Allen Memorial City Park or Arnold City Park Founder: R.E. Allen.

Cheryl Carson stated that the family of R.E. Allen is willing to help with the cost of the new sign.

Cheryl Carson suggested putting brick pillars around the existing posts at the entryway of the Arnold City Park. The Board requested that Cheryl Carson contact Dennis McGuire to see his opinion about putting the following on a new sign: Arnold City Park Founded by R.E. Allen. The matter will be on the November 9th Meeting.

Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that the Citizen Advisory Committee accepted Ken Wehrman's resignation at the July 13th Meeting. Ken Wehrman has resigned from the Citizen Advisory Committee since he moved to Texas. Chairman Glen Bowers appointed Kathy Halstead to the Citizen Advisory Committee to fill the unexpired term of Ken Wehrman. After discussion, moved by Olson and seconded by DeLosh that the appointment of

Kathy Halstead to the Citizen Advisory Committee to fill the unexpired term of Ken Wehrman be approved. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Turley. Motion carried.

Ian Taylor, District Manager at Great Plains Communications, attended the meeting to discuss the relationship between Big Red Communications, Great Plains Communications and Paige Wireless. Ian Taylor stated that there was some confusion between Big Red Communications, Great Plains Communications and Paige Wireless. Ian Taylor presented the following letter to the Board:

Community of Arnold,

On behalf of Great Plains Communications, the Nebraska Cooperative of Internet Service Providers (the Cooperative), Big Red Communications and Paige Wireless, we set for the terms in which e-connectivity and internet service will be provided to the Community of Arnold.

The community of Arnold and city office buildings will maintain their current internet services from Great Plains Communications.

The Cooperative will work in collaboration with Great Plains Communications to enhance wireless connectivity for community needs such as wireless cameras, WiFi hot spots and provide internet service to patrons that are outside of city limits who desire wireless service.

Paige Wireless will work with the community to establish use cases and applications for the Internet of Things, such as but not limited to, leak detection, smart meters, and water sensors.

It is our honor to work with you and we are grateful for the opportunity to advance the Community, increase efficiencies and attract new businesses who would like to call Arnold home.

Ian Taylor stated that it is not really a partnership with Paige Wireless and Big Red Communications but it is more of a customer relationship. Great Plains Communications (GPC) provides internet to the tower south of town. GPC, Paige Wireless, and Big Red Communications have come to an understanding of the service of town. The understanding is that the community of Arnold and city office buildings will maintain their current internet services from Great Plains Communications. GPC is 100% backing of their Precision Ag Program and things they have going on that way and also providing internet to the customers that GPC does not have fiber to within a couple miles of town. Ian Taylor stated that Big Red Communications can still provide monitoring of the wells and installation of cameras. That does not interfere with anything that GPC is doing.

Consideration of the Access Point Provider's Agreement with Big Red Communications to build a deployment for wireless internet on the Village's Water Tower was the next item on the agenda.

Chairman Glen Bowers stated at this point Big Red Communications does not know if they will need the Water Tower for their equipment. The Board discussed that if they do want to use the water tower that the Agreement will have to be revised so Big Red Communications is paying a monthly fee instead of providing free internet service. Glen Bowers stated that there are also recommendations from Mike Borders, Village Attorney, regarding the agreement. The matter was tabled.

Joe Bob Atkins, DBA Arnold Insurance Agency, attended the meeting and gave a presentation to the Board on the renewal of the Village's insurance policy. Joe Bob Atkins informed the Board that the premium for 2020-2021 is \$76,553.00. Joe Bob Atkins informed the Board that there was a 4% increase on the valuations on the buildings due to inflation. Job Bob stated EMC Insurance has agreed to a 0% increase on the valuations for the 2021-2022 renewal. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by McDowell to renew the Village's insurance with Arnold Insurance Agency. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Turley. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Olson to delete the following items from insurance:

Location 1: Baseball Diamond Lights, Poles, Crow's Nest
Location 11: Weather Siren
Location 17: Weather Siren
Location 18: Weather Siren
Location 19: Weather Siren
108 Snow Blade
Roping & Striping Chutes

Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Turley. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on deleting Comp/Collision on the 2002 Alleycat Recycling Trailer. Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, will check to see if Comp/Collision is required with Custer County Recycling Center and also on the agreement with Nebraska Environmental Trust. The matter was tabled.

Consideration of the Contract for Zoning Assistance was the next item on the agenda. Marvin Planning Consultants, will provide zoning assistance @ \$80.00 per hour. Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that Orval Stahr, the one who wrote Arnold's Comprehensive Plan, has passed away. Patricia Lamberty informed the Board that Dennis Conner attended the Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 P.M. and is interested in rezoning a lot (512 S Carroll – Parcel #697100) from residential to commercial. Marvin Planning Consultants would be able to provide assistance on the zoning regulations. The Board discussed the cost involved in rezoning and that the applicant should have to pay all the fees regarding the matter. The Board directed Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, to contact Mike Borders, Village Attorney, and see if the cost involved can be charged to the applicant. The contract for zoning assistance was tabled.

After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by McDowell to transfer \$40,000 from the Electric Fund to the General Fund as per 2020-2021 budget. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Turley. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by McDowell to transfer \$40,000 from the Electric Fund to the Water Fund as per 2020-2021 budget. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Turley. Motion carried.

Consideration of Tim Turley's written resignation was the next item on the agenda. Tim Turley is resigning effective October 31, 2020 due to his work schedule changing with Union Pacific. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by McDowell to accept the written resignation of Tim Turley as Village Board Member effective October 31, 2020. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, McDowell, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: Turley. Motion carried. The vacancy on the Board will be advertised in the paper and the matter will be on the November 9th agenda.

Doug De Laune, Village Superintendent, informed the Board that Midlands Contracting have begun on the Water Improvement 2020 Project.

Doug De Laune informed the Board that Last Call Ministry (208 W Lincoln) had their property surveyed. The garage that sits to the south of the church is on Village property. The matter will be on the November 9th agenda.

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Chairman Glen Bowers declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.