

ARNOLD COMMUNITY CENTER
July 8, 2024

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, July 8, 2024, at 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, Reed's 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, Zach Hagler, Jason Jenkins. Absent: Aaron Olson. 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 June 10, 2024, and the special meeting on June 24, 2024, were not read as the Clerk had previously furnished each member with a copy thereof. Moved by DeLosh and seconded by Jenkins that the minutes of the previous regular meeting on June 10, 2024, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins. Nay: none. Absent: Olson. Motion carried.

Moved by DeLosh and seconded by Hagler that the minutes of the special meeting on June 24, 2024, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins. Nay: none. Absent: Olson. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the claims paid in June:

06/10 TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS APPROVED & PAID

\$110,859.52

06/13 US Department of Energy 12,236.69 Electricity
Nebraska Department of Revenue

3,251.80 Sales/Use Tax

06/28 Payroll 11,578.57

Aflac	591.36	Payroll Deductions
IRS	5,259.51	Fed WH/Payroll Taxes
Nebraska Department of Revenue		
	669.35	State Withholding

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$144,446.80
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The Treasurer's Report shows there is

\$157,404.91 in the General Fund
 \$ 38,364.00 in the Edna B. Peterson Estate
 \$125,145.27 in the Street Fund
 \$ 33,301.39 in the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Fund
 \$819,814.07 in the Electric Fund
 \$(114,032.72) in the Water Fund
 \$ 86,296.79 in the Sewer Fund
 \$ (21,501.04) in the Solid Waste Fund
 \$ 18,339.78 in the Closure/Post Closure Care Account
 \$308,912.43 in the Economic Development Fund
 \$ 1,860.33 in the Community Development Agency Fund
 \$ 10,825.00 in the Trust & Agency Funds

as of June 30, 2024. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Jenkins that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins. Nay: none. Absent: Olson. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the following claims on file:

American Agricultural Lab	\$ 193.20	Testing (WW)
American Test Center	1,095.00	Annual Safety Inspections Hot Sticks/Bucket Truck Liner
Aristotle Funds	747.74	Pension
Bailar Power Systems	600.00	Contract Labor/Materials (Drinking Fountain @ Pool)
Mary Becker	562.73	Salary
Borders Law Office	56.26	Attorney Fee
Brown Underground	2,975.00	Underground Sprinklers (Right of Way)
Brown Underground	5,150.00	Underground Sprinklers (WW Plant)
Central Nebraska Bobcat	30.62	Parts (Bobcat)
City of North Platte	283.98	Tipping Fees
Casey Connell	971.50	Contract Labor/Materials
Custer Public Power District	54.02	Electricity

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	896.75	Voltage Regulator Controller
Ralph DeLaune	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Dutton-Lainson Company	4,242.70	Electric Supplies
Eakes Office Solutions	142.48	Office Supplies
Tory Edwards	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Harvey Foran	807.49	Salary
Kenneth Goodenow Jr.	1,429.13	Salary
Marshia Grant	300.00	CC: Contract Labor
Great Plains Communications		
	741.02	Telephone/Internet
Patricia Lamberty	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Jessica Lamphear	200.00	Contract Labor (Parks)
Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency		
	1,374.55	Tipping Fees
MacQueen Equipment	2,881.49	Labor/Shop Supplies (Street Sweeper)
Medica Insurance	11,208.18	Health Insurance
Maricela Melendez	100.00	Contract Labor - Janitorial
Mills Hardware	126.15	Electric Supplies
Mills Hardware	39.46	Cleaning Supplies
Mills Hardware	115.96	Park Expense
Mills Hardware	231.46	Pool Expense
Mills Hardware	505.94	Street Expense
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska		
	16,763.26	Electricity
NE Public Health Environmental Lab		
	31.00	Testing (Water)
NE Safety & Fire Equipment Inc.		
	505.00	CC Inspections
Nansel's Best Service	3,459.24	Diesel/Gas/Equipment Repairs & Maint
Nebraska Department of Labor		
	17.51	2 nd Quarter Unemployment
One Call Concepts, Inc.	6.74	One Call Fees
Pinnacle Bank (VISA)	826.56	Pool: Heater Repairs
Resource Management Co., Inc.		
	27,833.76	Tire Disposal (Scrap Tire Cleanup Event)
Spiraledge Inc.	360.13	Pool Expense
The Arnold Sentinel	426.75	Printing & Publishing Fees
Brent Urbanovsky	149.64	CC: Building Maintenance
Village of Arnold	6,538.46	Utilities
Village of Stapleton	264.00	Trucking Fees
Norma Walker	300.00	CC: Contract Labor
Rusty Wyckoff	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement

Arnold Insurance Agency	\$20,815.16	Insurance - Quarterly
Country Partners Cooperative	2,036.11	Diesel/Gas/Scale Fees/Chemicals
Pool Payroll	6,746.62	
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TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$125,342.75	

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

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

Chairman Glen Bowers announced that this was the time and place of the Public Hearing for the discussion of the six month review of Arnold's Economic Development Program. Cheryl Carson, Economic Development Director, informed the Board that she attended the Citizen Advisory Committee meeting at 5:15 P.M. and gave an update to the Citizen Advisory Committee. Cheryl Carson stated that copies of the AEDC Director's Report (January to June) are available. (If anyone wants a copy of the AEDC Director's Report contact Cheryl Carson or Patty Lamberty). Chairman Glen Bowers asked if there were any comments from the floor. There were no comments. Moved by DeLosh and seconded by Hagler to close the Hearing. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins. Nay: none. Absent: Olson. Motion carried. Hearing closed at 7:10 P.M.

Cheryl Carson, Economic Development Director, presented AEDC's update:

On June 27, 2024, the land purchase for Lot Six (6), except the North 15 feet, Block Two (2), Dr. B.E. Robinson's Addition to Arnold, Custer County (702 N Broadway) has been completed.

On June 6th I attended the South Central Economic Development District Spring Gathering Session. This year it was held in Custer County (Ansley). The topic was housing in Custer County and what communities have been working on. I was asked to be one of several guest speakers during the daylong event. I highlighted how Arnold is using LB840 funds to address housing needs in our community.

Rural Community Recovery Program ARPA

This was formerly known as Rural Workforce Land Development Grant Program. On June 24th, the Village Board authorized Cheryl Carson to submit a grant application to DED for funding under the Rural Community Recovery Program for a trail from Old Mill Park to Arnold Lake, Campground and Recreation area. The application is due by July 22nd.

Website / Facebook /Advertising:

I continually update the Website and Facebook. I create advertising campaigns, videos on Facebook and Visit Nebraska for events and businesses. I advertise events through TV commercials, Newsmakers program, print ads, social media, and the newspaper. I take advantage of free webinars. I attend Arnold Chamber, Custer County Tourism Visitors (CCTV), Custer County Economic Development (CCED) and other meetings when needed.

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

AEDC	\$1,535.50	Salary(C Carson-Reimbursement)
AEDC	117.47	Payroll Taxes - Reimbursement
AEDC	121.31	Norton Subscription Renewal (Reimbursement)
Cheryl Carson	50.00	Cell Phone (Reimbursement)
Cheryl Carson	110.68	Mileage
Kristi Dvorak	836.25	Website/Media Updates
Kristi Dvorak	150.00	Website Hosting & Security
Eagle Communications, Inc.	750.00	Radio Advertising
Eakes Office Solutions	171.94	Office Supplies
Marshia Grant	85.00	Contract Labor (Janitorial)
Great Plains Communications	127.31	Telephone/Internet
Integrated Computer Systems	905.25	Yearly Maintenance/Support
MJK CPA PC	347.50	Bookkeeping Services
The Arnold Sentinel	32.00	Annual Subscription
Village of Arnold	152.09	Utilities
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$5,492.30	

Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins. Nay: none. Absent: Olson. Motion carried.

AEDC Land Account – Update

(Arnold's Economic Development Plan allows the Village Board to grant the necessary funds from the Economic Development Fund to the AEDC for land purchases. In July 2022, the Board authorized the AEDC to set up a separate account from the proceeds of the sale of real estate (Harris Lots) for future real estate purchases. The account will be used for the purchase and development of additional real estate.) Cheryl Carson gave a Treasurer's Report on the AEDC Land Account. As of June 30, 2024, the AEDC Land Account has a balance of \$75,199.47.

TREE BOARD

Mary Becker informed the Board that the Village of Arnold was awarded a grant from the Nebraska Forest Service (NFS). The NFS agrees to reimburse the Village of Arnold (Project Sponsor) up to \$15,740 for eligible costs associated with implementing the Arnold Rotary Tree Project. The Arnold Rotary Project consists of removing ten dead trees in the community, removing stumps and planting new trees. The Tree Board did an inventory of the trees in the community and prioritized ten trees that are dead or are at risk. Mary Becker stated that an Agreement with NFS will need to be approved and signed at a later date. Once the agreement is signed, the Tree Board will contact the homeowners to get permission to remove the trees and plant new ones.

The Tree Board submitted a grant application to the Nebraska State Arboretum for ten free trees. If awarded, these ten trees will be planted at the Arnold Recreation Area. The Rotary Club was awarded a \$300.00 matching grant from Rotary District 5630. This money will go towards planting trees at the Arnold Recreation Area too.

Mary Becker stated that the Tree Board can have up to five members. Currently there are three members on the Tree Board (Mary Becker, Kenneth Goodenow Jr and Peg Scott). Mary Becker stated that Linda Olson is willing to be appointed to the Tree Board. Chairman Glen Bowers appointed Linda Olson to the Tree Board. Moved by Hagler and seconded by Jenkins that the appointment of Linda Olson to the Tree Board be approved. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins. Nay: none. Absent: Olson. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by Jenkins and seconded by DeLosh to transfer \$5,000.00 from the Solid Waste Fund to the Closure/Post Closure Care Account. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins. Nay: none. Absent: Olson. Motion carried.

Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that 181.92 tons of tires were collected during Arnold's Scrap Tire Cleanup Event. (Arnold was awarded a grant from the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grant Fund through Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.) Invoices for labor costs, advertising costs and hauler costs will be submitted to Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy for reimbursement.

CODE Enforcement

Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that Mike Borders, DBA Borders Law Office, will draft an Ordinance to create the position of Code Enforcement Officer. Mike

Borders is going to check on what the Village will need to do regarding replacing the term Village Marshall with Code Enforcement Officer in the Municipal Code Book.

The next item of discussion was impounding dogs. Doug DeLaune, Village Superintendent, stated that Merle Bierman preferred not to be involved with providing a facility to impound dogs. Doug DeLaune contacted Sal Hilderbrant, DBA Sal's Dog Grooming/Pawsome Hotel about the Village being able to impound dogs at her facility. Sal Hilderbrant attended the meeting regarding the matter. Sal Hilderbrant stated that she is licensed with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Sal stated that the dogs would be under lock and key. The owner of the dog(s) will need to provide Sal with documentation from the Village office stating that the boarding and citation fees have been paid and the dogs will have to be current on rabies vaccination before the dog is released. The following items were discussed:

Boarding Fees:

\$35.00 per day per dog

Citation Fees:

Does the Village get to keep the Citation Fees for dogs running at large? Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, will check with Mike Borders, Village Attorney. The Board discussed what the citation fees should be for dogs running at large. No decision was made.

Length of Impounding Dogs:

According to the Municipal Code Book each impounded dog shall be kept and maintained at the pound for a period of not more than seventy-two (72) hours after public notice has been given. The Board decided to increase that to one hundred twenty (120) hours. (5 Days). Sal Hilderbrant stated dogs would only be released during normal business hours. (8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.)

After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Hagler to draft an agreement with Sal Hilderbrant, DBA Sal's Dog Grooming/Pawsome Hotel to impound dogs at her facility. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins. Nay: none. Absent: Olson. Motion carried. Consideration of the agreement will be on the August 12, 2024, agenda.

2024-2025 Budget

Discussion was held on revenue and expenses for the upcoming 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

Comments from the floor

Mary Becker stated that the Arnold Rotary Club is building a power point presentation about the Rotary Club. We are taking pictures of the projects that the Rotary Club has been involved in. One of the projects is the Bathrooms/Shower House at the Arnold Recreation Area. Mary Becker stated that the Rotary Club is willing to help paint the doors. Doug DeLaune, Village Superintendent, stated that the Village has everything that it needs to replace the doors.

A citizen asked about spraying the weeds in the culverts.

Comments from the Village Clerk

Village of Arnold received \$1,254.08 from Employers Mutual Company for the Safety Group Dividends.

Comments from the Village Superintendent

Doug DeLaune informed the Board that the Vogelsang Grinder at the Wastewater Plant was sent to Iowa Pump Works for repairs. Doug DeLaune stated that there are still issues with the grinder. Doug DeLaune stated he will contact Iowa Pump Works..

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Chairman Glen Bowers declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.