

ARNOLD COMMUNITY CENTER
August 12, 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, August 12, 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, Aaron Olson. Absent: none. A full council 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 July 8, 2024, were not read as the Clerk had previously furnished each member with a copy thereof. Moved by Hagler and seconded by Jenkins that the minutes of the previous regular meeting on July 8, 2024, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the claims paid in July:

07/08 TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS APPROVED & PAID

\$125,342.75

07/10	US Department of Energy	14,675.46	Electricity
	Village of Arnold	5,000.00	Transfer to Closure/Post
			Closure Care Account
07/16	Nebraska Department of Revenue		
		3,900.81	Sales/Use Tax
07/31	Payroll	11,578.57	
	Aflac	591.36	Payroll Deductions
	IRS	5,006.46	Fed WH/Payroll Taxes

Nebraska Department of Revenue

574.97 State Withholding

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS \$166,670.38

The Treasurer's Report shows there is

\$147,629.29 in the General Fund
 \$ 38,802.50 in the Edna B. Peterson Estate
 \$125,029.42 in the Street Fund
 \$ 33,535.10 in the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Fund
 \$814,173.93 in the Electric Fund
 \$(102,761.40) in the Water Fund
 \$ 83,875.73 in the Sewer Fund
 \$ (51,047.82) in the Solid Waste Fund
 \$ 23,339.97 in the Closure/Post Closure Care Account
 \$312,961.41 in the Economic Development Fund
 \$ 1,860.34 in the Community Development Agency Fund
 \$ 11,021.92 in the Trust & Agency Funds

as of July 31, 2024. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Olson that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the following claims on file:

Akrs Equipment	\$ 215.10	Parts (JD Mower)
Altec Industries, Inc.	1,421.51	Parts/Labor (Digger/Derrick)
Aristotle Funds	747.74	Pension
Arnold Insurance Agency	52.00	Insurance
Arnold Insurance Agency	531.40	Group Term Life Insurance
Arnold Pool Company	839.35	Pool Expense
Mary Becker	673.38	Salary
Beveridge Inc.	3,217.51	Crushed Concrete
Borders Law Office	196.88	Attorney Fee
Central Nebraska Bobcat	444.46	Parts/Labor (Bobcat)
Custer Public Power District	54.68	Electricity
Ralph DeLaune	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Dutton-Lainson Company	2,112.62	Electric Supplies
Eakes Office Solutions	180.97	Office Supplies
Tory Edwards	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Harvey Foran	1,141.80	Salary
Kenneth Goodenow Jr.	1,369.50	Salary
Marshia Grant	300.00	CC: Contract Labor
Great Plains Communications	661.69	Telephone/Internet

Patricia Lamberty	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Jessica Lamphear	130.00	Contract Labor (Parks)
League of Nebraska Municipalities	1,454.00	Membership Dues
Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency	1,670.92	Tipping Fees
Medica Insurance	11,208.18	Health Insurance
Maricela Melendez	75.00	Contract Labor - Janitorial
Menards	47.45	CC: Toilet Paper Holders
Mid-American Research Chemical	306.11	Red Spray Paint
Mikes Motorcycle & ATV Repair	220.97	Parts (Hustler Mower)
Mills Hardware	276.89	Electric Supplies
Mills Hardware	23.98	Sewer Expense
Mills Hardware	219.47	Street Expense
Mills Hardware	794.80	Park Expense
Mills Hardware	7.98	Keys
Mills Hardware	7.99	Office Expense
Mills Hardware	157.44	Pool Expense
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska	20,659.18	Electricity
Municipal Supply Inc.	2,719.45	Water/Sewer Supplies
NDEE	250.00	Renewal Fee (C & D Site)
NE Public Health Environmental Lab	308.00	Testing (Water)
Nansel's Best Service	985.52	Diesel/Gas/Tire Repair
Nebraska Municipal Clerks' Association	50.00	Membership Dues
Nebraska Power Review Board	122.06	Annual Assessment
One Call Concepts, Inc.	116.34	One Call Fees
Petty Cash Fund	86.07	Postage/Money Order Fees
Reeds Food Center	86.76	Cleaning Supplies
The Arnold Sentinel	32.00	Annual Subscription
The Arnold Sentinel	433.22	Printing & Publishing Fees
Utilities Section	517.00	Membership Dues
Village of Arnold	6,425.97	Utilities
Norma Walker	300.00	CC: Contract Labor
Rusty Wyckoff	50.00	Cell Phone Reimbursement
Pool Payroll	10,052.80	
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Total Amount of Claims	\$74,106.14	

After discussion, moved by DeLosh 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, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

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

Cheryl Carson, Economic Development Director, was unable to attend the meeting. Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that Cheryl Carson submitted a grant application to Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED) for a trail from Old Mill Park to Arnold Lake, Campground and Recreation Area. The entire projected budget for the trail is \$875,009.00. It was first estimated to be around \$750,000 but there is a possibility that the project may require additional 200 feet bridge footage. This adjustment drove the cost higher, then factor in final fence estimates, acquisition costs, attorney fees and administrative costs. The grant request to NDED was for \$831,645.00. Funds from the Enda B. Peterson (\$38,364.00) and the value of the land donated by Robbi & Shelley Smith (\$5,000.00) would be used as cash match contributions. Eighteen support letters were received from community members and organizations.

After discussion, moved by Hagler and seconded by DeLosh that the following claims except for Country Partners Cooperative be approved and paid as presented from the Economic Development Fund:

AEDC	\$5,006.75	Salary (C Carson-Reimbursement)
AEDC	383.01	Payroll Taxes - Reimbursement
AEDC	119.99	Canva Subscription Renewal (Reimbursement)
AEDC	74.54	Microsoft 365 Subscription (Reimbursement)
AEDC	6.50	Online Certificate of Good Standing (Reimbursement)
AEDC	16.09	Refreshments (6 Regions ONE Nebraska)
Cheryl Carson	50.00	Cell Phone (Reimbursement)
Central NE Economic Development District	947.20	Community Membership Dues
Country Partners Cooperative	1,144.00	Prepaid Propane
Eagle Communications, Inc.	755.00	Radio Advertising
Marshia Grant	75.00	Contract Labor (Janitorial)
Great Plains Communications	127.51	Telephone/Internet
Mills Hardware	10.99	Softsoap
Reeds Food Center	26.68	Toilet Paper/Paper Towels/Soap...

Village of Arnold	177.53 Utilities
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$8,920.79

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

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

Consideration of the sealed bid for propane was the next item on the agenda. The following bid was submitted: Country Partners Cooperative \$1.59 per gallon. The contract requires ten cents per gallon deposit to set up. The bid is for one year (September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025). After discussion, moved by Olson and seconded by Hagler to accept Country Partners Cooperative's bid of \$1.59 per gallon and to issue a check for \$760.00 for the deposit. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, Jenkins, Hagler, Olson. Nay: none. Abstain: DeLosh. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Jimi Cole and Rick Peterson attended the meeting to request that permanent lines be painted for the pickleball courts when the new floor is installed at the Community Center. The Board agreed that painting permanent lines instead of using tape would be better. Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, will contact Midwest Flooring about the cost of painting lines for the pickleball court.

VETERANS MEMORIAL

Mike Harvey and Don Olson, representing the American Legion, attended the meeting regarding the Veterans Memorial Project. Mike Harvey stated that the American Legion would like permission to get started on said project. Mike Harvey stated that they would like to start on the dirt work and pour a concrete pad for the Veterans Memorial. They will need electricity for the lights at the Veterans Memorial. The Veterans Memorial will be located at the intersection of Highway 92 and North Carroll. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Jenkins to approve the location of the Veterans Memorial Project and to authorize American Legion to proceed with said project. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Olson to move the curb to the east to make a handicap accessible concrete parking spot for the Veterans Memorial. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

FALL FESTIVAL

RT Green attended the meeting regarding the Fall Festival on September 14, 2024. The festivities will be held at the City Park and the property west and south of the City Park. RT Green requested that the underground sprinklers be turned off a couple of days before the Fall Festival. RT Green stated that parade route will be the same as last year (Start at Methodist Church and turn at West Lincoln Ave and go around the City Park). After discussion, moved by Hagler and seconded by Jenkins that the parade route be approved. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried. Donnell DeLosh thanked RT Green for bringing back the Fall Festival.

Val Daly, representing Arnold Rotary, attended the meeting to request permission for the Arnold Rotary to have a Fun Walk/Run Fundraiser at the Arnold Recreation Area during the Fall Festival. After discussion, moved by Hagler and seconded by Jenkins to grant permission to Arnold Rotary for a Fun Walk/Run Fundraiser at the Arnold Recreation Area on September 14, 2024. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

TREE BOARD

Consideration of the Nebraska UCF IRA Project Agreement was the next item on the agenda. Mary Becker, Tree Board Chairperson, informed the Board that this is the Agreement for the grant that the Village was awarded from the Nebraska Forest Service (NFS). NFS agrees to reimburse the Village of Arnold up to \$15,740 for eligible costs associated with implementing the Arnold Rotary Tree Project. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Olson that Chairman Glen Bowers be authorized to sign the Nebraska UCF IRA Project Agreement. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Mary Becker informed the Board that Tree Board's application to National Forest Service (NFS) for Free Trees for Fall grant was approved. NFS had 56 applications from western Nebraska, with requests exceeding 500 trees. Mary Becker stated at this time she does not know

how many trees or the species that the Village will receive. The trees will be planted at the Arnold Recreation Area.

Mary Becker, stated that the Tree Board would like the Village to consider including \$5,000 in the budget for Trees. The tree board would like to plant trees at the new campground area at the ARA. The trees will be staked and a drip irrigation system will be installed. The tree board would like to plant the trees in the fall. The Board will include the \$5,000 in the budget.

Consideration of Application for Payment #2 (Final) from Level LLC for Street Improvements was the next item on the agenda. Patricia Lamberty Village Clerk, informed the Board that Tom Werblow, Village Engineer, recommends the Payment Request of \$19,765.65.

Original Contract Amount	\$132,948.75	
Change Order	3,900.00	
Total Contract	\$136,848.75	
Payment Request #1	117,092.10	Paid 05/14/2024
Payment Request #2	\$ 19,765.65	

The change order was due to when the contractor tried to tie into the parking lot on the east side of the Hardware Store and found the parking lot to vary in thickness from a few inches to six inches. This necessitated a wider pour to find a good tie in for the new pavement. After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Olson to issue a check to Level LLC for \$19,765.65 for the Street Improvement Project 2023 as recommended by Tom Werblow, Village Engineer. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Board discussed the following items:

Job Description for Code Enforcement Office

Proposed Ordinance for Creating the Position of a Code Enforcement Officer

*The Code Enforcement Officer shall be authorized to act in the place of the Village Marshall and Municipal Police in Code §4-304, 4-305 and 5-22. This also needs to include Chapter 6, Article 1 (Dogs)

Proposed Ordinance Creating a Violations Bureau

*The penalty for non-moving traffic violations and other offenses as defined in the Arnold Municipal Code will be

- a. \$ 20.00 if paid within ten (10) days;
- b. \$ 45.00 for each subsequent offense

The Board discussed the penalty and decided to change it to \$50.00 if paid within ten (10) days; and \$100.00 for each subsequent offense.

Proposed Agreement with Sal Hilderbrant, DBA Sal's Dog Grooming/Pawsome Hotel, to impound abandoned and stray dogs

*Patricia Lamberty, Village Clerk, informed the Board that Sal Hilderbrant looked at the agreement and thought it looked good. The proposed agreement was emailed to Mike Borders, Village Attorney.

2024-2025 BUDGET

Consideration of salaries for fiscal year 2024-2025 was the next item on the agenda. After discussion, moved by Olson and seconded by DeLosh to increase the salaries of the full time and part time employees by 3%. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by DeLosh and seconded by Hagler to contribute \$3,500.00 to each full time Employee's Health Savings Account; said contribution to be paid in January 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Bowers, DeLosh, Hagler, Jenkins, Olson. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Patricia Lamberty stated that there will be a special meeting on Monday, August 26, for a Budget Workshop at 7:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mary Becker thanked the Village Board for keeping the pool open for an additional two weeks.

Don Olson mentioned that the County might have a historical bridge that the Village could use for the trail. The Board directed Doug DeLaune to check into the bridge.

COMMENTS FROM THE VILLAGE SUPERINTENDENT

Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) is planning to conduct a comprehensive permit renewal inspection of the Construction and Demolition (C & D) site on Thursday, August 15, 2024.

The doors have been replaced at the Arnold Recreation Area Bathroom/Shower Facility.

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.