Federal Dam City Council

August 10, 2020

5:30PM

Regular Meeting

Unapproved

Unedited

**Present**: Mayor: Dianne Zuelow-Giffen Council: Gillman, Starr, Sherman, Tonga

City Clerk-Treasurer: Lavrenz-Johnson

**Absent:**

**Visitors:** Mark Saunders, Jim Hinderscheit

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Agenda**: M/S/P Tonga, Gillman

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** M/S/P Gillman, Tonga to approve following: Minutes of previous City Council meeting, Cash Control Statement, FDSP Billing and Expense Reports, FDSP Customer Balance Summary, Approval of Claims and Payroll, Receipts and Disbursements.

**Citizen Petitions, Request:**

**F.D.S.P.**

Twenty eight hours spent weeding at the treatment plant in order to stay in compliance with the MPCA.

225 Fourth Ave tank needs maintenance requiring additional costs regrading landscaping issues regarding project.

Zion Harbor sewage blockage update: Last fall a clean out was discovered to be shaved off by

approximate location: 18 Zion Harbor Road. Sewage was discovered running in the ditch as a result of the damage. Peterson Excavation repaired damage and Deer River Septic jetted the line. This summer it was jetted from Natures Corner and north along highway 8 and found a cleanout buried eight inches of sod and it was clear. It was discovered that a pressured source main exists there. The issue is considered resolved at this time.

M/S/P Tonga, Starr, to purchase an electric pump to convert existing gravity flow system into a step system at 420 Cedar St.

M/S/P Tonga, Starr to reinstate quarterly billing for resident regarding property along hwy 8 that has a step system that resident was discontinued from quarterly billing for unknown reason.

There are seventeen small pump stations in the city, no spares on hand. Two backup pumps will be purchased at $850 each.

Suggestion made by Mark Saunders to have Rural Waters perform a rate assessment review regarding cost of sewer billing.

Fourteen tanks left to check for routine maintenance.

Seventeen gravity step systems are documented, thirteen systems have been found.

Mark Saunder’s presented information to the Council on the Inflow which is direct water from sum pumps infiltration reaching over 30, 000 double the amount of water designed for 15,500.

**Old Business**

On August 11th the City Hall will be open 1-5pm for Election Filing Purposes

Conflict of interest inquiry to refer to City attorney.

Soo Line Bridge Update: the bridge is scheduled to start construction August 15th.

M/S/P Tonga, Gillman to purchase additional class 5 to be ordered from Hawkinson Sand and Gravel.

**NEW BUSINESS**

M/S/P Tonga, Gillman to designate Martha Lavrenz-Johnson as the City’s Emergency Manager.

Discussion about the property east of the City recycling bins. The county requests that the city send a letter to the county requesting the purchase of the land.

Discussion about property east of parcel number 88-337-0710 that is owned by the County. The City is waiting results of the county survey.

88-337-0610 needs to be surveyed by property owner to determine if a variance request is appropriate for alteration made by property owner without city approval. The City’s attorney does not think the resident qualifies for a variance. Issue tabled.

M/S/P Tonga, Sherman to approve 88-337-1130 building permit for a garage.

Farm animals in city limits is prohibited. Letters are to be sent to all residence in violation of the ordinance. Complaint forms are encouraged to be filled

Discussion on derogatory language to member of the council by resident during the scheduled meeting will be documented and reported.

The next City Council meeting will be held September 13, 2020 at 5:30pm.

**ADJOURNED**

7:35PM

**ATTEST TO:**

Dianne Zuelow Giffen—Mayor Martha Lavrenz-Johnson—Clerk-Treasurer