Federal Dam City Council

March 08, 2021

7:00PM

Regular Meeting

Unapproved

Unedited

**Present**: Mayor: Gillman Council: Tonga, Kunnari, Zobava, Lego,

City Clerk-Treasurer: Lavrenz-Johnson

**Absent:** Deputy Clerk Mandi Payment

**Visitors:** Claudette H, James Hinderscheit, Larry Ruschmeier

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Agenda**: M/S/P Tonga Lego

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** M/S/P Tonga, Zobava 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:** Greg Hanks

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

Three sewers reported frozen, Starr, Tibbets, and Sherman. Starr’s sewer issue is due to outlet pipe not working properly. It will require Peterson construction to dig and reseat outlet pipe.

Discussion on homeowners’ vs, city responsibility concerning sewer maintenance.

M/S/P Kunnari, Tonga (5ayes, no nays) to approve claim submitted for the city to purchase a jetter attachment for a power washer. This will help aid in helping residents with sewer issues.

**Old Business**

Isle Harbor/ Bog Road Update. No update.

During the citizen; participation section of the meeting a resident brought an approved building permit from 2014 concerning building on parcel 88-337-0610. The council requested resident resubmit his paperwork since the permit was expired. Resident stated before abruptly leaving the meeting. “I’m going to get my material and I’m going to build it and we’ll see what happens, case closed.” No further discussion was held.

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.

The city is waiting for installation date for the furnace purchased through Hills Brothers.

139 Fourth Ave E. resident stated the city maintenance worker told him he did not need to pay for a permit. The information will be followed up and updated.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council Tonga read a statement wrote by Greg Hanks requesting rock on 16th avenue described as being property located by Ron Peterson’s. A driveway is intended and the road in front of the property needs some work. Mr. Hanks has relayed to Council Tonga the approximate cost given by Peterson’s Excavating was estimated at $400-$500. The council request the city confirm bid amount with contractor. Council tabled further discussion until road restrictions are off.

Council Kunnari during the citizen; participation section of the meeting made a request regarding 16th Avenue: “is there anything we can do from my end to the other end to say this is a condemned road, no trespassers through this.” Council Kunnari continued by describing how four-wheelers and trucks mudding create a mess that snowmobiles try to avoid by trespassing on his property. Council Kunnari is concerned about liability issues arising due to the traffic.

Counil: Zobava, Mayor Gillman during the citizen; participation section of the meeting requested gating roadway by City Sewer Plant because of suspicious activity. Council Kunnari commented that there is similar activity on the Soo Line.

A write up about Hinderscheit’s building permits was submitted by maintenance worker and read out loud.

M/S/P Tonga, Lego (5ayes, no nays) to schedule a Special Meeting concerning property parcel 88-337-0610 concerning the topic of: Resident Building in the Right-of-way Encroachment. The council would like to readdress the approved past motion to support the City Code §151.21.E.3.A and to have resident remove timbers from setback area.

Bids need to be advertised for city mowing and plowing for upcoming season. Mayor Gillman inquired about city purchasing own equipment for maintenance purposes.

Snow plow bid contract still current

The city alleys need to have class 5 gravel. Some are near impassable due to lack of quality class 5 from previous years.

M/S/P Tonga, Gillman (5ayes, no ayes) to have council member’s assist in inspecting the building permit applications. The council unanimously agreed to work with sharing the responsibility based upon schedules.

Council Zobava stated the City Maintenance Worker is not allowed on resident’s property parcel: 88-337-0710. Clerk-Treasurer advised this needs to be noted due to safety for city employee and city maintenance issues that could arise.

Residents cannot be placed on the agenda for the same issue. But all residents even if not allowed on that month’s agenda item can speak three minutes at the beginning of the Regular Scheduled City Council Meegtings.

The next City Council meeting will be held at April 12, 2021at 7pm.

**ADJOURNED**

8:00 p.m.

**ATTEST TO:**

Vince Gillman—Mayor Martha Lavrenz-Johnson—Clerk-Treasurer