Federal Dam City Council

October 11, 2021

7:00PM

Regular Meeting

Unapproved

Unedited

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

Deputy Clerk Payment, City Clerk-Treasurer: Sherman

**Absent:**

**Visitors:** Rory Sherman, Gene Stober, Jim Berg, Don Woodward, Shirley Woodward, Mike Seivert, Jo Seivert ,Claudette Houuck,,Jim Berg, Ron Thuening, Joyce Thuening, John Owen, Owen, Jim Berg, Mike Barr, Justin Payment, Tim Tonga, Jane Topper

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**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:** Mark Saunders, Tim Tonga,

**FDSP**

Mark Saunders gave an update on the sewer. Quality Flow inspection took place. No additional maintenance on pumps is required.NE lift station power panel has alarm lights lit that are false positives. Goggleye Electric have been contacted to address issue. Primary tank will be pumped out October 12th. The MPCA will be inspecting the treatment plant on November 9th.

No response to temporary sewer maintenance ad.

Maintenance worker stated he has started putting city sewer blankets on septic tanks.

Council Kunnari questioned whether the city should be placing sewer blankets on resident’s tanks vs. having the resident pay for the winterization.

Midwest Assistance Program (MAP) will be in the area to do GPS sewer asset location.

Sewer invoices were sent out. Sewer invoices with a balance over $200 included a memo indicating assessment if not paid by November 1st.

**Old Business**

Isle Harbor/ Bog Road Update. A closed session with city attorneys to follow regular meeting.

A second letter was sent concerning operable vehicles on Third Avenue was sent to parcel 88-337-0530. A third letter will be sent detailing the abatement process if the vehicles are not removed.

Property to East of Raines update**:** City Attorney Joe Langel was present to address the city purchasing the property East of Mr. Raines and reselling it to him. The attorney stated this was a property dispute between Mr. Raines and the County and the city should not have been involved. He also discussed certain members of the council wanting to lower the price Mr. Raines would have to pay for the property. He stated, the city cannot subsidize the purchase of land for a private property owner. The city did not have statutory authority to enter into the agreement which would make the transaction void. He stated that selling the property for less than the agreed upon $4000 would be illegal. Attorney Langel directly addressed Council Zobava and informed her of her conflict of interest with discussing and voting on this topic. The attorney stated she was in a direct conflict of interest because she lives with Mr. Raines. Members of the Council stated they had not seen a copy of the letter Mr. Raines signed agreeing to pay the $4000 purchase price. Council Zobava asked if the check was sent to the county, Council Tonga stated she did not sign the check as Acting Mayor of September’s meeting because she was uncomfortable with the whole transaction. Council Zobava stated, the check should be put through, Attorney Langel stated, it should not until further information is found out. Attorney Langel said he would contact Kirk Titus the following day about this issue and will contact Mayor Gillman and Clerk-Treasurer.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The neighbor to the north of parcel 88-337-1130 complained about the awning that was built along the side of the house which is funneling water to his parcel. Last month the council did not require a building permit for the awning. The council has requested the owner of the awning to submit a drawing of the construction.

Resident expressed concern that not everyone is being required to submit a drawing or building permit prior to construction.

M/S/P Kunnari,Tonga (five ayes, no nays) to have the building inspector approve the permits.

861 Natures Trail building permit for a garage was inspected and approved.

309 Cedar Street building permit for a deck was inspected and approved.

A state required Agreed upon Procedure audit was performed by Glorvigen. No significant issues were found. This qualified the City for funding over $17,000.00 from MN Department of Revenue.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was submitted for funding over $11,000.00.

The next City Council meeting will be held November 13,2021at 7pm.

**Meeting was closed:**

8:00 p.m.

**ATTEST TO:**

Vince Gillman—Mayor Martha Sherman—Clerk-Treasurer