Federal Dam City Council

February 14, 2022

7:00PM

Regular Meeting

Unapproved

Unedited

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

Deputy Clerk: Mandi Payment

**Absent:** Clerk-Treasurer Sherman

**Visitors:** Rory Sherman, Justin Payment

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** M/S/P Zobava, 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.**

1st quarter invoices were sent. A flyer for the spring water well testing was included. This service is provided by Midwest Assistance and is free of charge. Clerk has additional flyers available. Please contact city hall 218-654-3046 and leave a message for any questions.

Midwest Assistance Program (MAP) provided ESRI mapping training to maintenance person.

M/S/P Tonga, Gillman (5 ayes and 0 nays) to approve purchases of mapping software provided my MAP. The cost to the city is $385.00 starting in August 2023.

**Old Business**

M/S/P Kunnari, Tonga (5ayes, 0 nays) to pay off the Woodland Bank loan that has a balance of $653.29. The Council requested further additional information on amounts of past payments made yearly on this account.

USDA loan has a balance of $23,054.54.

The Council discussed paying additional payments on the USDA loan. This item was tabled until additional financial information can be obtained by the clerk.

Isle Harbor/ Bog Road City Lawsuit update: Mr. Stober passed away. The city is waiting on a response from the attorney concerning what are the next steps.

Property to East of Raines update: Property was transferred to Mr. Raines.

16th Ave update: Working with Cass County to obtain a copy of the Easement.

M/S/P Tonga, Zobava (5 ayes, 0 nays) to approve the building permit 88-337-1610 for construction of a shed. Payment was submitted with application.

M/S/P Tonga, Zobava (5 ayes, 0 nays) A fine of $300 will be issued for property 88-337-1610 because the permit and fee was not submitted until after the finished construction.

88-337-0340 M/S/P Zobava, Tonga (5 ayes 0 nays) to approve Building permit received for a mobile home with a caveat it needs to be removed from the property in three years. No payment was submitted with the application.

M/S/P Tonga, Zobava (5 ayes, 0 nays) A fine of $300 and a $100 permit fee will be issued for property 88-337-0340 because the permit and fee was not submitted until after the mobile home was moved onto the property.

Bid request for hall repairs is ready to place in paper. A quick discussion was held on the ARPA funding. The funding will be partly designated to this improvement.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A Resident Complaint Form was read aloud. The complaint requested a motion be made for a Council member to repay the city $1957.50 that the city paid the lawyer to deal with an issue, that the council member resign their position as a Federal Dam Council Member due to their blatant violation of the conflict of interest laws, that all Council members receive training from the League of Minnesota Cities on the proper way to conduct themselves as Council members and that this complaint be entered into the minutes so that the residents of Federal Dam can read how this Council is conducting themselves. No Formal action was made by the Council regarding the complaint. The Council agreed unanimously the matter was over and done with.

Discussion held on mowing. The city is looking into maintaining their own lawn parcels instead of contracting out the job. The issue is tabled until the clerk can look into cost and insurance questions.

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Council Zobava discussed concern over snowmobilers’ speed on the Soo Line Trail. Deputy Clerk will contact the county and suggest stop sign placement.

Animal Control Officer resigned. The council is going to try collectively and encourages the community to help identify the dogs running at large in the community. Pictures are encouraged so the proper owners can be held accountable. Council Kunnari suggested fining owners when the dogs can be properly identified.

M/S/P Tonga, Lego (5ayes, 0 ayes) the city of Federal Dam is a mail in ballot precinct.

M/S/P Tonga, Kunnari (5ayes, 0 ayes) to approve Federal Dam Fire Department 640 Agreement for Fire Protection for the sum $2800.00.

The next City Council meeting will be held March 14, 2022, at 7pm.

**ADJOURNED**

8:00 p.m.

**ATTEST TO:**

Vince Gillman—Mayor Martha Sherman—Clerk-Treasurer