Federal Dam City Council

April 11, 2022

Rescheduled to

 April 25,2022

7:00PM

Regular Meeting

Unapproved

Unedited

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

Deputy Clerk: Mandi Payment, Clerk-Treasurer Martha Sherman

**Absent:**

**Visitors:** Justin Payment, Randy Longseth, Larry Ruschmeier, Rory Sherman

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** M/S/P Kunnari, 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:**

Randy Longseth

Larry Ruschmeier

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

Midwest Assistance Program (MAP) public education seminar for private well owners/ users was held Monday, April 18th 6:00-8:00pm at city hall. Ten Residents attended the seminar. Twenty people signed up for well testing. The city hall’s well is scheduled to be tested. If there are any residents that did not have their well tested and would like MAP will come back to provide that service. The testing cost one hundred and eight dollars but there is no charge to the resident or city for the well testing service.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion on ARPA Fund update: The Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk are reviewing state required steps for reporting fund expenditures due April 30th.

Isle Harbor/ Bog Road City Lawsuit update: Isle Harbor/ Bog Road City Lawsuit Update. A closed session at the end of the regular meeting will be held with the City’s’ Attorney Jason Kuboushek.

16th Avenue Update: Kirk Titus emailed the city, the legal descriptions that contain that portion of 16th Avenue NE within the City of Federal Dam that crosses Cass County Fee (Owned) Land. The Clerk-Treasurer needs to contact the Recorder’s Office for a copy of the easement.

Resident spoke at meeting and had three items to address. He submitted an FDSP payment, requested LCP be contacted for a buzzing street light located on 4th Avenue and to contend a fine of $300 that was issued for their property 88-337-1720 because the permit and fee was not submitted until after the finished construction. Resident informed the council he was informed by the building inspector that no permit was needed for the improvement. However, the resident did indicate the improvement minimally exceeded the original project. There was a brief discussion on a future project. The council recommended the resident fill out a building permit for the future improvement. The council tabled the issue after discussion with the resident. This matter was revisited later on during the meeting upon the arrival of the mayor. After a brief discussion the council decided to uphold the original fine that was issued to the resident on February 14th .

**NEW BUSINESS**

Randy Longseth of Last Cast Adventures welcomed the community to attend a Leech Lake Partnership Party which he is hosting on July 20th from noon to 6pm: This event is a fundraiser for the Federal Dam Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. and The Game Warden. Mr. Longseth informed the council he is planning to have a beer garden and inquired about any licensing requirements the city has in regard to this. The Clerk-Treasurer will look into the Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement’s (AGE) licensing criteria. Mr. Longseth, additionally inquired about if a permit was needed for a classic car parade in the city. No permit was suggested by the council.

Bid request for hall repairs have been placed. No bids have been received.

The city council discussed the various options concerning mowing. The Maintaining of their own lawn parcels instead of contracting out the job was regarded the most financially sound for the financial long term for the city.

Council Kunnari presented information regarding mowers that would be best suited for the city that Dan Martin had in stock.

M/S/P Tonga, Lego (5ayes, no nayes) to purchase an Exmark lawn mower from Rory Sherman at the cost of $5,500. The payment should be paid by splitting the costs according to appropriate accounts based off mowing time of the parcel. Mr. Sherman will start his time when he picks up the mower for temporary storage fee and will use his personal truck and trailer for transportation.

M/S/P Kunnari, Zobava (5 ayes, 0 nayes) to buy a weed whip. The council caps the cost at $250.

Council tabled the purchase of 100 feet of fence for sewer plant until more financial information can be obtained.

Mayor Gillman discussed and requested information regarding building permits. He questioned if the city has to charge residents for building permits. Further information regarding how much the application cost the city in processing fees and how much money is earned yearly, approximately from the fees associated with the building permits processed.

The next City Council meeting will be held May 9, 2022, at 7pm.

**ADJOURNED**

8:05 p.m.

 **ATTEST TO:**

Vince Gillman—Mayor Martha Sherman—Clerk-Treasurer