Federal Dam City Council

Regular Meeting

May 9, 2022

Unapproved

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7:03pm

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

Deputy Clerk: Mandi Payment, Clerk-Treasurer Martha Sherman

**Absent:**

**Visitors:** Justin Payment, Rory Sherman, Mark Saunders

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**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:**

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

M/S/P Tonga, Kunnari (5ayes, 0 nays) to replace the spare power cord that was on hand at the SE lift station. That station alarmed several days in a row. An electrical issue with power cord was identified and repaired. Cost is less than $100.

Discussion with Mark Saunders on action items from last November’s MPCA inspection of the sewer plant. Kevin Peterson from the MPCA identified four problems. #1.) Two refrigerated samplers need a thermometer. This issue has been resolved. #2.) Fencing at the sewer plant is needed. The maintenance worker has been assigned to the problem. #3.) The samplers need to be paced with flow. Mr. Saunders has been addressing the issue. #4.) There is damage to the liner on the water line; the resolution required by the MPCA requires the city to hire a consulting engineer. Then the city is required to test the liner to make sure there is no more leak. Mr. Saunders created documented resolutions that need to be submitted to the MPCA regarding the four problems identified during inspection. The council agrees to implement the resolutions Mr. Saunders presented on.

Discussion with Mark Saunders on INFLOW/INFILTRATION issues. Excessive I/I needs to be reduced in the waste water system. A major problem area has been identified on parcel number 88-337-1710. A bid for moving the tank back on this parcel from Peterson’s Excavating has been requested by the council. Another area of concern regarding the excessive water issue are the residents’ sump pumps that are not hooked up in compliance with city code. A suggestion to implement point of sale inspections was made. An additional suggestion was made to remind resident of the code in the next quarterly flyer.

The well testing results for City hall passed. Council Gillman, Zobava, and Lego requested future personal well testing.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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 and Joe Langel.

16th Avenue Update: the legal description has been verified by Kirk Titus and the Recorder’s office has the information it needs to locate easement. The Recorder’s office said it is going to require a complete tract check which will take some time. They will get back to us once they’ve done the tract check. Council Kunnari requested to contact the city attorney to temporarily close the road.

Exmark Radious mower ownership and warranty has been transferred to City. Three years remaining on warranty. .

**NEW BUSINESS**

M/S/P Tonga, Lego (5ayes, 0 nays) Parcel 88-348-0126 land use permit for a deck addition. Approved by maintenance worker.

The city chose to not participate in this year’s Cass County Chloride Program.

M/S/P Kunnari,Tonga (5ayes, 0 nays) to purchase from Home Depot horse fence –2 - 6’ x 50’ sections $108 each and Fence post - $6.59 – Need about 20.

Discussion on Land Use Permit costs and procedures. The council will have further discussion on this matter at next council meeting.

Mayor Gillman brought up a City Muni. The Council requested information on the process to instating a business and if it is feasible for the City.

The Clerk/ Treasurer requested the council review a letter drafted to a resident concerning a $300 fine that issued to the resident’s property parcel: 88-337-1720. The fine was issued in November 2021, and reissued again, April 2022. The fine was issued because the permit and fee was not submitted until after the finished construction. The council discussed the matter. Council Kunnari stated, “he is sick of building permits and everything else, you should be able to do what you want with your own personal property.” Council Kunnari additionally expressed he is not against building permits being filled out. Mayor Gillman stated “I lean more towards charging with just the cost of the service.” Kunnari then made a motion to not fine parcel 88-337-1220. Council Tonga expressed concern with other residents’ fines that have been issued by the council for the same offense.

M/S/P Kunnari/ Zobava (4 ayes, 1 nay) to not fine parcel 88-337-1720 for building without a permit.

M/S/P Zobava, Lego (5 ayes, 0 nays) to send letter regarding inoperable vehicle to parcel 88-337-0530 and include flyer for scrap vehicles.

Council Lego stated, “street sign needed for Third street and Birch Street.”

Council Kunnari stated concern about dogs running loose. Kunnari referenced Remer’s dog licensing and shared his personal experience with dogs running at large on 16th Ave. no- description of the dog (s) was given or ownership identified from that incident. Council Lego shared a personal incident that happened on her property concerning a dog. The ownership of the dog was identified at resident parcel 88-337-1350 . Council Zobava shared a personal incident concerning a dog that happened on her property, ownership of the dog was identified at resident parcel 88-337-1820. Mayor Gillman then stated, “pull out the rifle and take them out.” The council would like the city to look into what the City of Remer is implementing for dog ordinances. Mayor Gillman stated “that’s why something has to be done because people can’t walk around the neighborhood.”

The next City Council meeting will be held June 13, 2022, at 7pm.

**ADJOURNED**

7:55 p.m.

**ATTEST TO:**

Vince Gillman—Mayor Martha Sherman—Clerk-Treasurer