Federal Dam City Council

Regular Meeting

June 13, 2022

Unapproved

Unedited

7:00pm

**Present**: Acting Mayor: Tonga Council: Kunnari, Zobava, Lego, Deputy Clerk: Mandi Payment,

**Absent:** Mayor: Gillman, Clerk-Treasurer Martha Sherman

**Visitors:** Rory Sherman, Mary Giffen, Doran Johnson, Wanda Hardies, Susan Bacca, Dorine Bacca, Kathlyn Winscher

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** M/S/P Zobava, Lego 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:** Susan Bacca

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

Weeding sewer covers are the homeowner’s responsibility. This information is to be included on a flyer that will be sent out with third quarter’s sewer bills.

Additional sewer information for the flyer should request Residents to check their down spouts and sumps to make sure they are not connected to the city sewer.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Isle Harbor/ Bog Road City Lawsuit update: Isle Harbor/ Bog Road City Lawsuit Update. Final settlement document being drafted. The draft has been sent to the council’s email.

16th Avenue Update: Recorder’s office is unable to find easement. City lawyer stated we can erect road closure signs. Council Kunnari stated he would donate four gates.

M/S/P Kunnari, Zobava (4 ayes, no nays) for the maintenance worker to erect road closure signs and two gates on each end of the road on 16th Avenue.

M/S/P Kunnari, Zobava (4 ayes, no nays) to purchase road closure signage to be placed on the gates on each end of 16th Avenue.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A Resident inquired about city dog ordinances. The resident stated concern about dogs running loose and trespassing on their property parcel id: 88-337-0920. The dogs of concern are all identified as being owned by persons’ at property 88-337-0530. Additionally, this resident greatly expressed they were fearful for their safety as well as the safety of family members including children regarding the dogs attacking. The resident stated they would not hesitate to take legal action against the city. The resident indicated they reported an incident to Cass County Sheriff’s Office. Continued discussion on property id:88-337-0530 included concern about breeding dogs, the health of the animals, mortality rate of puppies, and pack mentality. Another Resident stated concern that her grandchildren were threatened by the same dogs. It was unclear if the incident happened on her property parcel 88-337-0910. Council Lego shared a personal incident that happened on her property concerning dogs. The ownership of the dogs were identified at resident’s parcel id: 88-337-0530. Council Kunnari shared his personal experience with dogs running at large on his property. He did not indicate a description of the dogs but indicated they were the same dogs being currently discussed. Council Lego later indicated in the meeting the dogs being discussed killed another dog that was identified, and owner located at residence parcel id: 88-337-1350.

In May’s meeting Mayor Gillman brought up a City Muni. The Council requested information on the process to start a business and if it is feasible for the city. Deputy Clerk Payment presented on the information requested and the initial steps which would include conversations with Cass County, public involvement, and a committee would need to be formed. Topic was tabled.

Deputy Clerk Payment presented on Remer’s dog ordinances, licensing and procedures. She recommended we implement the procedures and include information in the third quarter sewer billing. The Council decided to include the city’s current dog ordinance on the flyer but did not take further action. Council Zobava stated there should be a fine if the leash ordinance is not followed and stated the city should be aware of safety concerns dealing with capturing dangerous dogs. Council Kunnari recommend a police officer accompany a dog catcher or animal control officer.

M/S/P Zobava, Lego (4 ayes, no nays) to adopt the Resolution for Cass County’s Hazard

Mitigation Program.

Nature’s Corner maintenance needs culvert and two loads of gravel around cul-de-sac. Council Kunnari indicated to past discussions about maintaining all gravel roads on a yearly basis.

M/S/P Zobava, Kunnari (4 ayes, no nays) to contact Butch Bader to install a culvert and to purchase two loads of gravel for Natures Corner. Council Kunnari asked if the motion could include 2 additional loads of gravel for 16th Avenue. Council agreed. Council Kunnari stated we need to maintain our roads and stay ahead of it. The gravel is to be purchased from Hawkinsons.

Citizen complaint parcel id:88-337-0340 asked to have their building permit fine removed since other residents have had their fines removed.

M/S/P Tonga, Kunnari (4 ayes, no nays) to remove the building permit fine for parcel id: 88-337-0340.

Council Kunnari stated he does not believe we should have a fee for building permits. Council Zobava agreed. Council Kunnari says we should have building permits but at no cost to the resident. Discussion was held on temporary structures. Tabled for further discussion.

M/S/P Kunnari, Lego (4 ayes, no nays) To approve Hawkins Land Use Permit for lean-to off the garage property id:88-337-0430

Raines Land Use Permit for fence not approved by maintenance worker. Needs updates, drawing, usage, etc. Council Zobava stated she will have drawing updated. The maintenance worker is not allowed on the property. Council Kunnari will measure and will contact Council Tonga for approval via email.

Candidacy filing notice to be posted in July. The paperwork will be available in August at City Hall.

Cenex has no summer fill. Deputy Clerk will check to see if they can fill asap.

A vehicle Abatement order was hand delivered to parcel id: 88-337-0530 stating the date the car needs to be removed off the city street by July 8th. Sanitary concerns brought up by visitors at this time. Cass County will be contacted to see if they can speed up the removal of the vehicle.

M/S/P Tonga, Zobava, (4 ayes, no nays) Cleanup Day to be tentatively scheduled for August 20th to be included in third quarters sewer flyer.

New computer and scanner to be installed and all data transferred from old computer. The options are Rory Sherman or Computer Enterprise from Grand Rapids, MN.

M/S/P Kunnari, Tonga, (4 ayes, no nays) to have Rory Sherman do the installation and transfer the data from the old computer. 8-10 hour task.

Council Kunnari brought up that 16th Ave has not been graded once this year. Deputy Clerk Payment will call Cass County.

Council Kunnari requested office hours be held in person and not how it currently is by appointment only. Council Kunnari expressly stated his disapproval with the clerks and with scheduling by appointment only. Council Kunnari did not want the council to be flexible on the office hours’ time or day based on the clerk’s future availability.

M/S/P Kunnari, Zobava (4 ayes, no nays) the clerks work all their hours at city hall.

The next City Council meeting will be held July 11, 2022, at 7pm.

**ADJOURNED**

8:21 p.m.

**ATTEST TO:**

Vince Gillman—Mayor Martha Sherman—Clerk-Treasurer