Federal Dam City Council

Regular Meeting

December 12, 2022

Unapproved

Unedited

7:00pm

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

**Absent:** Lego

**Visitors:** Rory Sherman, Justin Payment, Ron Peterson, Pat Ritter, Larry Ruschmeier, Mark Saunders

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Agenda**: M/S/P Zobava, Kunnari (4 ayes, no nays)

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** M/S/P Kunnari, Tonga (4 ayes, no nays). 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:**

Resident living at parcel 88-337-1160 inquired about the letter he received concerning property that was blocking Cedar St. He said he would keep the street clear and if his vehicle was there, he would be home in order to remove it. The council stated that was acceptable and thanked him for coming. The resident also inquired about a structure he wants to replace on his property. He was informed to fill out a building permit.

Resident living at 88-002-3404 asked about his complaint concerning property that was on the easement at the end of 16th ave. He asked the council individually if they had been out there to see the problem. The resident was informed that the city was doing everything in their power to get the property removed.

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

Mr. Saunders stated that the sampler has started working again at the plant. The council was informed that the insurance company would not be covering the sampler anyway. They were also informed that the property insurance was up for renewal and should be reviewed.

The council stated that residents should not maintain their own tanks. Mr. Saunders stated that the city needs to be responsible and maintain the sewer tanks. Also, the city must maintain a log of the maintenance. The quarterly invoices will be updated to include contact information of whom to contact in case of an issue. The clerk was asked to send a letter to individuals who aren’t allowing the maintenance worker on their property to set up a time when maintenance is allowed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Natures Corner maintenance. Culvert ordered from Peterson Excavating. Peterson’s is working on the culvert. Tabled until the Spring 2023.

The council asked for a letter to be sent to Mr. Hanks to provide a statement from his Dr. about when he can return to normal day to day activities. M/S/P Tonga, Kunnari to send letter.

Voting recount was performed with same results. Seivert received 27 votes, Hardies received 26. The two challenged votes are still being looked at by the Secretary of State and the Attorney General’s office. At the first meeting next year, the council will need to fill the vacancy won by Mr. Seivert.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A Citizen complaint was read concerning Council Lego referring to Isle Harbor residents vulgarly and asking her to resign. The complaint also referenced Council Zobava for a past issue dealing with a conflict of interest.

The council discussed changing meeting time to 6 pm. M/S/P Kunnari, Tonga to change monthly meeting time to 6 pm.

The Clerk is setting office hours to by appointment only for winter months. M/S/P Kunnari, Zobava to table this item until January.

The renting of city hall was discussed. M/S/P Tonga, Kunnari to not rent the hall until repairs are completed.

Council Kunnari confronted a resident living at 88-337-1430 about plowing across city streets in the winter of 2021.

A request for a Cost of living raise for City Employees was read. The last pay raise was in December 2020. M/S/P Gillman, Kunnari to table his item until January.

The council was reminded about the open meeting law and how group texts are a violation.

Next City Council meeting will be held January 9, 2023, at 6 pm.

**ADJOURNED**

7:43 p.m.

**ATTEST TO:**

Vince Gillman—Mayor Martha Sherman—Clerk-Treasurer