Federal Dam City Council

Regular Meeting

February 13, 2023

Approved

Unedited

6:00pm

**Present**: Mayor: Raines Council: Kunnari, Zobava, Hardies, Lego.

**Absent:** Deputy Clerk Payment, Clerk-Treasurer Sherman

**Visitors:** Rory Sherman, Ron Peterson, Greg Hanks, Susan Bacca, Karen Yuhala, Cass County Deputy

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Agenda**: M/S/P Zobava, Lego (5 ayes, no nays)

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** M/S/P Kunnari, Zobava (5 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:**

**Visitor Request**

Diane Osceol (Embridge) was not present as previously scheduled. Mayor stated he called him and said she was looking to provide the city with air horns.

Resident discussed condemning property at 88-337-0660. Council Hardies responded it would have to involve the state. Council Lego stated she wanted to focus on the dog situation and read an update from Leach Lake Legacy as well as suggested resident at parcel 88-337-0440 should not feed the dogs. She stated there were only two dogs remaining at the property, a white/brown Pitbull and female Rottweiler. Council Lego also mentioned other residents at parcels 88-337-1030 and 15-003-1302 (outside city limits) having dogs running at large. During this portion of the meeting council Hardies asked for an update from the deputy present concerning the dogs at parcel 88-337-0660. The deputy stated they had three dogs being held at the Cass Lake pound on a 10 day hold due to a biting incident by one of the dogs. He also stated they would be euthanized after the 10-day hold. The mayor stated that there should be a notice in the quarterly FDSP flyer addressing dogs running at large, the leash ordinance and being contained on owners’ property. Council Hardies referenced the ordinances and stated we can enforce them. The mayor read the nuisance letter that was sent to the resident at 88-337-0660. Delivery confirmation was confirmed.

Resident at 88-002-3402 read a statement about the history of events leading up to last fall concerning property he has in the easement on the south end of 16th Ave. The mayor stated he was going to have council Hardies check into the easement on 16th Ave. Initially, a motion was made by Council Kunnari to get an estimate for gravel on 400 feet of the south end of 16th Ave. but was then removed since the council closed the road last year. M/S/P Kunnari, Zobava (4 ayes, no nays) to approve an extension to June 1st, 2023, for resident at 88-002-3402 to move all his property to within his parcel boundary.

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

M/S/P Kunnari, Zobava (5 ayes, no nays) to purchase 9 floats for STEP system tanks.

M/S/P Kunnari, Zobava (5 ayes, no nays) to purchase lumber to build sewer tarp drying racks. The purchase is not to exceed $500.00.

Request by maintenance worker to hire a helper for the spring and fall sewer tarp collection/distribution was denied. The mayor stated the council would volunteer to help during those times.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Garage door was installed by Rapid Garage Door.

M/S/P Zobava, Hardies (4 ayes, no nays) to continue with the next step of the abatement process at resident’s property 88-337-0660. The letter sent will state that the illegal kennel is to be abated and the owner has seven days to comply. The letter will be served by Cass County Sheriffs Office.

M/S/P Zobava, Kunnari (4 ayes, no nays) to sponsor a film at the ballpark at the cost of $275.00.

The hall propane usage was discussed. Usage figures were discussed comparing the years 2021 to 2022. Cenex placed a wireless monitor on the tank to help with usage numbers.

**NEW BUSINESS**

M/S/P Hardies, Zobava (4 ayes, no nays) to designate Federal Dam as a mail in ballot precinct for 2023.

A complaint was received about dogs running at large.

M/S/P Zobava, Kunnari (4 ayes, no nays) to approve quote from DBS for hall repairs and look for grants. This motion is contingent on obtaining financing.

M/S/P Kunnari, Zobava (4 ayes, no nays) to Dylan Bader repair water softener drain.

A recording device sized for the hall was discussed. Council Hardies will investigate cost based on size of the main hall room.

Council Hardies asked that the committee assignments be reopened. The committees that were suggested at this time were community garden, council members to lead the community and involve the city residents, bring back Federal Dam Days, meet and greet open house, flower planters on city street corners, kick ball tournaments, bingo for the community. Also discussed were banners placed throughout the city to welcome people. These items are tabled until further discussion or as needed.

. **Clerk Notes**

Council Lego excused herself halfway through the meeting and this is reflected in the voting.

Next City Council meeting will be held March 13, 2023, at 6 pm.

**ADJOURNED**

7:34 p.m.

**ATTEST TO:**

Kenneth Raines—Mayor Martha Sherman—Clerk-Treasurer