Federal Dam City Council

Regular Meeting

March 13, 2023

Approved

Unedited

6:00pm

**Present**: Mayor: Raines Council: Kunnari, Zobava, Hardies, Lego, Deputy Clerk Payment

**Absent:** Clerk/Treasurer Sherman

**Visitors:** Rory Sherman, Greg Hanks, Darcy Tonga, Diane Osceol, Mike Nelson, Jim Hinderschiet

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Agenda**: M/S/P Zobava, Kunnari (5 ayes, no nays), Council Hardies asked to modify the agenda by removing the “each visitor is allowed 3 minutes” statement and “ALL items with an asterisk (\*)” wording since nothing had \* on the agenda. She also wanted the Clerk Notes removed about the Open Meeting Law since they were all aware of that and stated they were not in violation of breaking the statute.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** M/S/P Zobava, Lego (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) introduced herself.

Resident at 88-002-3402 read a statement about the history of events leading up to last fall concerning property that he has in the easement on the south end of 16th Ave. The resident requested the cost of the signs and attorney fees that were spent on 16th Ave. They also expressed concern with how much was spent on the north end of 16th Ave for only one household. Council member Lego asked, “what do you want?” The resident stated they want the information kept on record. The mayor stated, “if it’s our road we should help out.” The mayor is also going to contact the property owner west. The council wants to determine where the road closed sign is going to be placed prior to looking at adding gravel to that portion of 16th Ave.

Mr. Nelson presented options for the Community Garden.

A resident asked questions about the Community Garden concerning weeding and fencing.

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

M/S/P Lego, Kunnari (5 ayes, no nays) to purchase a new wireless sending unit for the plant.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Jordan dog complaint – It was decided to not obtain a warrant to remove dogs over the 2-dog limit. The resident has surrendered several dogs and council members Hardies and Lego agreed they are down to 2 dogs.

The council wants information about the cost for the financial advisor to obtain funding for the hall repair.

Council Hardies stated the only item that was addressed from last month’s tabled items was the Community Garden. In addition, Hardies discussed a future newsletter created by the council that will be distributed personally by members of the council to the residents. Council Lego suggested the newsletter could be included and sent out with the sewer invoices. Hardies commented that it would probably be too large. The council discussed how the City of Remer conducts meetings and Council Kunnari and Mayor Raines are going to inquire with the clerk of Remer. They discussed having another meeting prior to the regular meeting.

M/S/P Kunnari, Lego (5ayes, no nays) to purchase tape recorder. The cost is $59.00 including cassette tapes. Council Hardies stated there needs to be a record on tape for legal backup.

The water softener is scheduled to be repaired the week of 13 March.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The council requested that the ordinance concerning kennels be clarified before deciding if other residents that have more than 2 dogs should be sent letters.

M/S/P Zobava, Kunnari (5 ayes, no nays) to participate in the Cass County Chloride Program for Zion Harbor Rd from Highway 8 to 4 corners.

A $10,000.00 grant from Sourcewell was discussed.

Deputy Clerk Payment presented on training opportunities for council members offered from League of Minnesota Cities. This item was tabled until the cost could be determined.

The flyers that were placed in residents’ mailboxes on February 14th, 2023, were discussed. Council Hardies explained she created/ delivered flyers to encourage community participation.

A poster about conduct/behavior at council meetings was provided by council Hardies.

A suggestion box was provided by council Hardies.

Council Hardies requested that all council members’ phone numbers be posted on the city website.

Council Hardies stated it was a requirement that the Clerk/Treasurer attend the meetings. Council Hardies asked that the Clerk/Treasurer resign for not fulfilling this requirement. A resident stated that it was not possible due to the Clerk/Treasurer being in a master’s program. The resident asked what is not getting done and noted the Deputy Clerk was in attendance taking notes. Council Hardies asked the resident to contact the city attorney verifying that it is a requirement that the Clerk/ Treasurer attend the meetings. The Resident stated the Clerk/Treasurer would be available starting in May. No other comments were made by the other council members on this matter.

Council Hardies questioned the city hall key control. She was told who had keys and questioned the maintenance worker about key usage to the city’s office.

Council Hardies requested and was given job descriptions for all city employees.

The mayor asked Diane Osceol to help with grant paperwork.

 **Clerk Notes**

Next City Council meeting will be held April 10, 2023, at 6 pm.

**ADJOURNED**

7:11 p.m.

**ATTEST TO:**

Kenneth Raines—Mayor Martha Sherman—Clerk-Treasurer