Federal Dam City Council

Regular Meeting

May 8, 2023

Approved

Unedited

6:00pm

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

**Absent:** N/A

**Visitors:** Justin Payment, Rory Sherman

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**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**

Angie David

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

No update

**OLD BUSINESS**

No Update

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council Hardies requested clarification on the cash control statement.

Resident addressed the council with questions concerning dog ordinance/ fencing. The premise now homes four large dogs a description of dogs was given: three German shepherds, one Boxer/ Pitbull mix. The resident requested that the property be allowed three or more dogs until their other arrangements for the pets can be fulfilled. The mayor addressed the dogs running at large by the community garden. The resident agreed to keep the dogs contained to the property. The Clerk/Treasurer noted that a building permit for the fence can be picked up at city hall.

M/S/P Kunnari, Zobava (5ayes, no nays) To send dog letters regarding violation of the city ordinance pertaining to dogs running at large to parcels: 88-337-1030, 88-337-0530. In addition a letter was sent to 88-337-1721 in hopes of reaching the dog owner of a separate residence that a mailing address cannot be established.

M/S/P Zobava, Kunnari (5 ayes, no nays) City mower maintenance in house or at the dealership Zobava suggested for cost to perform the maintenance in house. Oil kit needs to be purchased.

M/S/P Kunnari, Lego (5 ayes, no nays) Council Kunnari addressed the culvert that needs replacement on 16th Avenue because of flooding on the north side. The water needs to flow south. The city has an eight-foot easement. A letter will be sent to the property owner.

Discussion on Property committee. Items concerning this matter will be brought to as needed to the monthly working meetings.

Members of the council volunteered Friday (May 19th) at 1pm for cleaning up and planting flowers at the cemetery. The purchase of the flowers will be reimbursed to Council Hardies.

16th Ave issue. Resident (Joe Wimmer) owned property since the 90s is disputing property boundary. Residents would like the road closure decision delayed on the south end/ east of the Soo Line until they can resolve the issue that his property size went from 39 acres to 31 acres in year 2000.

M/S/P Zobava, Kunnari (5 ayes, no nays) to get estimates for the maintenance needed on the alley adjacent to Second Avenue. Mayor Raines gave the clerk Charlie Swenson’s contact information. In addition to contacting Swenson, the council requested the city employee check with Hawkinson for the price of two loads of gravel, a skid steer loader (bob cat) to spread it. Council Kunnari requested the grave be placed by the end of June.

M/S/P Kunnari, Hardies (5 ayes no nays) to have maintenance worker make the necessary repairs to the city bulletin board.

A discussion was held concerning the draft of the upcoming city newsletter that was provided by Council Hardies to members of the council at the working meeting but not discussed, Council Hardies stated the material in the newsletter could be verified with the League of Minnesota Cities. It was suggested that the information should be verified through the Minnesota Basic Code. Additional information provided in the newsletter was discussed including relevance of certain material, issues enforcing the ordinances, council member contact and availability, and information regarding personnel policy. Council Hardies stated she will familiarize the city with procedures on how the city can exercise authority to enforce city ordinances and cite residents with misdemeanors for violations.

Discussion on the open meeting law, Clerk-Treasurer addressed the council requesting the council discuss city business at public meetings and provide or allow a copy to be made of any information disbursed by a council member to other members. Council Hardies stated the council is the Clerk-Treasurer’s supervisor.

**Clerk Notes**

The next City Council meeting will be the Working Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 6th, and the following week the regular scheduled council meeting will be held Monday June 12th at 6 pm.

**ADJOURNED**

7:01 p.m.

**ATTEST TO:**

Kenneth Raines—Mayor Martha Sherman—Clerk-Treasurer