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MARCH 20, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY:

The City Council read a proclamation recognizing March as Intellectual and Development Disability Awareness month. The City Council had previously presented this proclamation to a group of 27 clients and staff of SESDAC at the Noon meeting on Monday.

An updated Black History Month proclamation recognizing February as Black History Month including additional language from the earlier version was read at the meeting.

The first reading of Ordinance 1479 to amend the Joint Zoning Regulations for the City of Vermillion and Clay County was approved. The ordinance would amend the regulations to require a joint meeting of the City and County to consider any amendments to the zoning regulations. The notification requirement language is also clarified as part of the Ordinance. The second reading of Ordinance 1479 will be at a joint meeting of the Vermillion City Council and Clay County Commission. A date for the meeting has not yet been set.

A variance request for the lot at the northwest corner of the West Cherry Street frontage road and Tom Street was approved. The variance for this lot will reduce the required lot area from 6,000 square feet to 2,275 square feet, reduce the front yard setback for the W. Cherry frontage road from 25 feet to 0 feet, reduce the front yard setback for Tom Street from 20 feet to 0 feet, and reduce the side yard for the north property line from 15 feet to 0 feet. The variance allows the parcel which is otherwise unbuildable to be used for the new Tom Street sanitary sewer lift station.

A medical cannabis manufacturing license for Dakota Natural Growers at 907 N. Norbeck Street was approved. Dakota Natural Growers also holds a medical cannabis cultivation and dispensary license for this location.

The 2022 unaudited annual financial report was presented to the City Council.

Matt Fairholm was appointed to fill the balance of a vacated Planning and Zoning Commission term expiring in 2027.

A Resolution of Intent setting a public hearing for April 3, 2023 for the lease of approximately 40 acres of farmland at the southwest corner of Stanford Street and South Dakota Highway 50 was approved. Bids to lease the property for 2023 will be opened on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. A bid package is available on the City's website.

City Manager's Report:

There are three vacancies on the City's Human Relations Commission. There are two three-year terms term which expire in May 2026. There is also a one-year student term which expires in May 2024. Interested city residents are asked to complete an Expression of Interest form by Thursday, April 13, 2023 at Noon. The City Council will consider appointments at their April 17 meeting.

The landfill begins Summer hours on Saturday, April 1. The landfill will be open from 8 a.m. to Noon on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month through October. The landfill voucher program also begins on April 1. The recycling center on N. Crawford Road is also open on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from 9am to Noon.

Vermillion Light & Power is partnering with Missouri River Energy Services for a customer satisfaction survey. Vermillion Light & Power customers are asked to take a few minutes to complete the survey. The survey is open through April 30, 2023 and will be accessible via the City website. Additionally, there will be newspaper and social media ads providing a QR code for the survey.

The annual Household Hazardous Waste collection for 2023 is on Friday, April 14 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Recycling Center, 840 N. Crawford Road. Cost is \$15 per vehicle.

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