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APRIL 3, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY:

The City Council read a proclamation recognizing April as Child Abuse Awareness month. As part of this proclamation, the downtown tree accent lights will be blue from April 3 through April 10, 2023.

A one-year lease of approximately 40 acres of municipally owned farmland at the southwest corner of South Dakota Highway 50 and South Dakota Highway 19 was awarded. Andrew Heine submitted the accepted bid of \$9,755.

A request from Journey Construction to temporarily remove parking spaces on N. University Street and N. Plum Street for the construction of the USD Wellness Center pool was approved. The stalls will be removed by August 31, 2024.

The first reading of Ordinance 1484 removing Sections 95.01 and 95.02 and adopting Sections 95.01 through 95.08 was tabled until the April 17, 2023 meeting to clarify language in a couple of sections. The new sections provide rules and regulations for the protection and preservation of park land.

A resolution providing for an increase in sanitary sewer rates effective with bills sent out after April 20, 2023 was approved. The sanitary sewer percentage applied to the winter domestic average established with the January, February, and March 2023 bills will be 132% to cover the cost of debt service and operations. The percentage was last adjusted in April 2017.

Julia Hellwege, Rich Holland, and Lindsey Jennewein were appointed to be City representatives on the Consolidated Board of Equalization which meets on April 11, 2023. The balance of the City Council members will serve as alternates.

An FAA grant application checklist for the AWOS system replacement at the Airport was approved.

Prior to the Regular Meeting, the City Council and the Clay County Commission met and approved the second reading of Ordinance 1479 amending the Joint Zoning Regulations for the City of Vermillion and Clay County. The ordinance amends the regulations to require a joint meeting of the City and County to consider any future amendments to the zoning regulations. The notification requirement language is also clarified as part of the Ordinance.

City Manager's Report:

There are three terms expiring on the City's Human Relations Commission. There are two three-year terms 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, 2023 meeting. The next Human Relations Commission meeting is Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

There are two terms expiring on the Library Board of Trustees. The terms are for three years. Expression of Interest forms are due by Noon on April 27, 2023. The City Council will consider appointments at the May 1, 2023 meeting.

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

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. The cost is \$15 per vehicle.

The Historic Preservation Commission next meets on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at City Hall at 9:00 am.

The ReTree Program is accepting applications until April 14, 2023 at 4:00 pm. To apply for one of the American Linden trees to be planted in pre-approved locations, visit vermillion.us/384. The cost of the tree is \$25.

Jon Cole, Mayor

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