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MAY 1, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY:

The retail on-off sale wine and cider license, retail malt beverage, and SD farm wine license were issued until June 30, 2023 and renewed for the following year for Kristin Friese/VJAT LLC for Hartford Steak Company, LLC at 7 Court Street.

A three-foot building height variance for the new Lamda Chi Alpha fraternity building at 327 N. Pine Street was approved.

The second reading of Ordinance 1484 removing Sections 95.01 and 95.02 and adopting Sections 95.01 through 95.08 was approved. The new sections provide rules and regulations for the protection and preservation of park land.

The first reading of Ordinance 1485 establishing a sign code for the Light Industrial district was advanced to a second reading on May 15, 2023. The proposed sign regulations are most similar to the Neighborhood Commercial sign code.

A Proclamation Policy was approved. Two categories of Proclamations have been established. Category A Proclamations are for recognition of a local organization's non-annual event or special achievement, recognition of extraordinary achievement by a state or national organization, or recognition of municipal services or achievements. Category B Proclamations are from City Boards or Commissions. All proclamations would be read under Visitors to Be Heard, notification would be provided to City staff at least seven days in advance, all proclamations will be entered into the minutes, and all proclamations shall not degrade another person or event, advocate violence, or use profane language.

Bryce Mayrose and Lenni Billberg were each appointed to three-year terms on the Library Board of Trustees. Ten qualified applicants submitted Expression of Interest forms for the two openings on the Board.

An amendment to the utility easement with Northern Natural Gas for the City owned property at SD 50 and 19 was approved.

Resolutions to purchase a skid loader and trencher for the Light and Power Department were approved.

Vehicles, equipment, and abandon property were declared for the City auction on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

A South Dakota Department of Transportation Letting Authorization for a section of the Vermillion River hike/bike trail was approved. The bid opening is to take place in July 2023.

Bids were awarded to Rounds Construction for the construction of Landfill Leachate Pond #2 and to H & W Contracting for the construction of a new Tom Street Lift Station.

City Manager's Report:

The timeline to complete the Vermillion Light & Power customer satisfaction survey has been extended until May 26, 2023. Vermillion Light & Power customers are asked to take a few minutes to complete the survey.

The Human Relations Commission next meets on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 5:30 pm and the City's Historic Preservation Commission next meets on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 9:00 am. Both meetings will be held at City Hall.

The City Council and Clay County Commission will have joint meetings on Monday, May 15 and Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers to consider three ordinances for the Joint Jurisdiction Zoning Area.

W. Main Street will be closed this Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm as part of a fundraising event at the Eagles. The closing is from the alley immediately west of Cor Trust bank west to the intersection with High Street.

The City of Vermillion received notice that the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources has awarded the City the Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence for the 22nd consecutive year.

Mayor Jon Cole participated in the interviews to select a new Clay County Director of Equalization per SDCL 10-3-3. Deputy Assessor Lennea Olson was selected for the position. Current Director Ina Peterson is retiring July 31, 2023.

Jon Cole, Mayor

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