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MAY 15, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY:

A Special Daily Malt Beverage and Wine License for the South Dakota Shakespeare Festival at Prentis Park on June 15, 16, 17, and 18, 2023 was approved. The closing of E. Main Street from Plum Street to Walker Street from 6:45 pm to 9:00 pm on the four days of the Shakespeare Festival performances was also approved.

The annual renewal of malt beverage and South Dakota farm wine licenses were approved.

The second reading of Ordinance 1485 establishing a sign code for the Light Industrial district which is roughly between W. Chestnut and W. Broadway Street and along the railroad tracks below the bluff was approved. The sign regulations are most similar to the Neighborhood Commercial sign code.

An appeal request for a variance to the building code for 400 N. Plum and 716 Madison Street was approved. The variance allows two two-bedroom apartment units to be constructed in the basement of each building. A three-hour firewall between the new units and the existing units and an alarm system will be required as part of the granting of the variance.

MidAmerican Energy presented the 2022 annual report on natural gas service in the community.

A Memorandum of Understanding with the Vermillion Public School District to acquire the Jolley School site after the new Elementary School on W. Dartmouth is opened was approved. The City's proposal is to raze the building and create housing on the north end of the property and a park on the south end. A TIF district would be created to fund the improvements.

Requests to close N. Plum Street from E. Cherry Street to Highway 50 from 6:00 am to 4:00 pm and Rose Street from Coyote Village north to the Dakota Dome from 5:00 am to 4:00 pm on Friday, August 18, 2023 for the University of South Dakota's Move-in Day event were approved.

The 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan was approved. The Capital Improvement Plan is used as a tool to identify upcoming projects, prioritize the projects by year, and move projects forward to budget meetings and grant applications.

The Final Plat of Lot 1, Burr Homestead in Government Lots 1 and 2 was approved. The west side of the property abuts University Road and is located about 1/10 of a mile north of city limits.

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 Library Board meets on Friday, May 19, 2023 in the Library's Kozak Room at Noon. The Human Relations Commission next meets on Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the Powell Conference room at City Hall.

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

City offices are closed on Monday, May 29, 2023 for the Memorial Day holiday.

The slurry seal project was reviewed. The slurry seal project involves North Plum Street between E. Main Street and E. Cherry Street, South Norbeck Street between E. Main Street and Valley View Circle, Main Street between Dakota Street and High Street, Prospect, Center and Elm Street between Main Street and National Street, and Market, Court and Church Street between Main Street and Kidder Street. The work is scheduled to take place between May 18, 2023 and May 25, 2023. The work on each street takes place over three days. One day is for striping removal, another day is for the slurry seal application, and the third day is for new striping. Please check the City's website for more detailed information including times or contact the City Engineer's office with questions.

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