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MAY 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY:

The City Council reviewed Emergency Ordinance 1413 and the May 4, 2020 Resolution amending the ordinance but made no changes to the restrictions on public gathering places, entertainment venues, and places of public accommodation. The Ordinance and modifying resolution are available through the City's website. The Ordinance expires on May 30, 2020. The City Council also took action to close Prentis Plunge for the 2020 season, playgrounds and basketball courts will remain closed until further discussion at the June 1, 2020 meeting, advertising for limited recreational programming will begin with dates of the actual program to be determined, and baseball and softball practice may begin but games are not yet to take place in city fields.

First reading of Emergency Ordinance 1414 was approved by the City Council. This emergency ordinance is similar to Ordinance 1413. The proposed ordinance would allow for 50% occupancy of businesses that had restrictions in Ordinance 1413, encourage the use of face masks when social distancing can't be maintained, have a maximum duration of 60 days, and be reviewed at each City Council meeting.

A process to appoint an individual to serve as a Central ward Council member was approved. Expression of Interest forms and other supporting materials should be submitted no later than 5pm on Thursday, May 28, 2020. The City Council will consider making an appointment of a Central ward Council representative at the June 1, 2020 meeting.

A variance to reduce the required side yard setback from the required 4-feet to approximately 8-inches along the west property line for an addition to a nonconforming detached garage at 221 Lewis Street was approved.

Permission to serve alcohol in the Café Brule outdoor seating area on the west side of the building was approved.

A recommendation to utilize Business Improvement District #1 reserve funds to make up the difference in the net first and second quarter payments in comparison to the 5-year average to the VCDC was approved.

A mutual aid agreement identifying responsibilities and practices with the City of Elk Point was approved.

A resolution utilizing Vermillion Now! second penny funds to reimburse the VCDC for consultant costs for the design and construction administration of Bliss Pointe Phase 2 development was approved.

Requests to close N. Plum Street from E. Cherry St. to SD Highway 50 and Rose Street from Coyote Village north to the Dakota Dome from 5am to 4pm on Friday, August 21, 2020 for USD's Move-in Day were tabled.

A \$343,000 grant from DENR and a professional services agreement with Burns & McDonnell were accepted and approved to begin renovations that will improve safety and efficiencies at the recycling center.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2020 for the Memorial Day holiday.

The Planning Commission is meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 to consider a plat in Erickson Addition and dedication of right-of-way for McHenry Street.

The Home Rule Charter Committee is meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 to continue their work to prepare a charter.

Please take 10 minutes to complete the 2020 Census. You Count in Vermillion.

A replat of Lot 3A and 3B in Block 1 of Cottage Place Addition (west side of Cottage Avenue in the 500 block) was approved.

Kelsey Collier-Wise, Mayor