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JUNE 15, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY:

The City Council discussed an Emergency Resolution related to COVID-19 but did not adopt the resolution that had been presented. This proposed resolution was similar to emergency ordinance 1413 which expired on May 30, 2020. The City Council will consider a proclamation at a future meeting which encourages social distancing whenever possible, the use of face masks when social distancing can't be maintained, and other measures to address the spread of COVID-19. The City Council did not vote on the matter but did express support for the ReVive Vermillion program which the Vermillion Chamber of Commerce and Development Company is developing in partnership with local businesses to address COVID-19. The City Council did not approve the opening of playgrounds and basketball courts.

A Proclamation recognizing June 19, 2020 as Juneteenth Freedom Day was read. A chalk the block event will be held from 11am to 2pm this Friday to celebrate the event at McVicker Plaza and between 4 W Main and 8 W Main St.

The renewal of the malt beverage and South Dakota Farm wine licenses for Aramark for campus locations and Vermillion Cultural Association for 10 E. Main Street were approved.

The street closings and special daily malt beverage and wine licenses for the Thursdays on the Platz events sponsored by the Vermillion Chamber of Commerce and Development Company were approved. The street closing begins at 4:00pm and run until 8:00pm for Main Street from the west side of the intersection with Court Street west through the west edge of Ratingen Platz. Market Street from W. Main Street south to the southern end of Ratingen Platz is also part of the approved street closings for the event. Thursdays on the Platz will be held on July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30, August 6, August 13, August 20, and August 27, 2020 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

The closure of North Plum Street from East Cherry Street to South Dakota Highway 50 from 6:00 am to 4:00 pm and the closure of Rose Street from Coyote Village north to the Dakota Dome from 5:00 am to 4:00 pm for USD's Move-in Days were approved. These same closures will take place on Friday, August 14, Saturday, August 15, and Sunday, August 16, 2020 to facilitate move-in traffic.

MidAmerican Energy presented an annual report on the natural gas franchise.

The first reading of Emergency Ordinance 1415 to amend Title XI, Chapter 112 amending Section 112.01 Special Event Definitions for a Special Daily alcohol license and Section 112.18 amending Special Event licensing to permit current license holders to obtain a permit was approved. The second reading of the ordinance will be considered at a special meeting to be held on Monday, June 22, 2020 at Noon.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The Library Board is meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at Noon.

There are five openings on the Planning and Zoning Commission for five-year terms. Applicants are asked to complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) form by Wednesday, July 1, 2020 by 5 pm. The City Council anticipates making appointments at the July 6, 2020 meeting.

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

The Fire Department, Parks and Recreation Department and Water Department are sponsoring Fire Hydrant parties beginning on Tuesday, June 23 and running through July 28. The four locations and times are: Bluffs Golf Course at 1pm, Trinity Lutheran Church at 2pm, Hillside Church at 3pm, and the Armory parking lot at 4pm. Participants are asked to wear a sandal or shoe, practice social distancing, and only attend the Fire Hydrant party nearest their home. If the events are rained out on Tuesday, they will be held on Wednesday.

City offices will be closed on Friday, July 3 due to July 4 holiday on Saturday. The curbside recycling collection scheduled for Friday, July 3 will be completed on Monday, July 6, 2020.

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