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JULY 3, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY:

The City Council read a Proclamation recognizing the Celebration of the Centennial of Prentis Park. Historic Preservation Commission Chair Susan Keith Gray accepted the proclamation and provided information on the community events taking place on Saturday, July 15 and Saturday, July 22, 2023 to celebrate the centennial of Prentis Park. The removal of parking on E. Main Street from 12:00 pm (Noon) to 9:00 pm for food trucks on these two Saturdays was approved.

A land acknowledgement statement and a revised City organization mission statement were adopted. Both of the items will be available on the City's website. The land acknowledgement statement will be part of City meeting agendas. The land acknowledgement statement reads as follows: *Our future as a community depends on recognizing our past. The City of Vermillion exists on the ancestral lands of the Oceti Sakowin and Omaha indigenous people. We honor and appreciate those who have the longest relationship with this place.*

The closing of Rose Street from Coyote Village north to the Sanford Coyote Sports Center and the removal of parking on N. Dakota Street from approximately Alumni Street north to South Dakota Highway from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm for Coyote Football games on Saturday, September 9 and 16, October 7, 14, and 28, and November 11, 2023 were approved.

An agreement with the SD Department of Transportation for 5% of the funding to design the new airport AWOS system was approved. The AWOS system provides the flying public with current airport weather conditions for landing.

A special permit to exceed permissible noise level for Resilient Church on Saturday, August 5, 2023 was approved. The church will be having a community block party in the north Prentis Park shelter from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm that day.

A letter of contract for a northeast sewer basin facility plan was approved. The \$49,975 study will identify future sanitary sewer projects to serve the northeast portion of the community and the impact on the existing facilities of these projects.

A \$3.1 million engineering agreement with Banner Associates for the design, bidding, construction, and post-construction work related to the estimated \$21 million of improvements to be made to the wastewater treatment plant was approved. Design and bidding will take approximately 86 weeks to complete with construction potentially beginning in Spring 2025.

Resolutions to purchase two police pursuit vehicles, a Fire/EMS Department pickup, and a pickup chassis and long-box pickup for the Wastewater Department were approved. All five vehicles will be purchased from Vermillion Ford at the State bid prices with delivery taking place during calendar year 2024.

Walker Construction of Vermillion was awarded a Miscellaneous concrete projects bid in the amount of \$58,716.24.

City Manager's Report:

The next curbside recycling collection for Tuesday customers who did not have collection on July 4, 2023 will be on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

The Human Relations Commission has a meeting on Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 5:30 pm in City Hall's Powell Conference room. The City's Historic Preservation Commission meets on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 9:00 am in City Hall's Powell Conference room.

The Bluffs Golf Course will be hosting the ProAm this week. There is a ladies ProAm on Wednesday, July 5, 2023. The free community meal is on Thursday, July 6, 2023 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The South Dakota Tour Pro Am takes places on Friday, July 7, 2023 through Sunday, July 9, 2023. All events are open to the public and take place at the Bluffs.

The sculpture entitled Red at the corner of Elm Street and E. Main Street will be removed by the artist to make some repairs. It is anticipated that the sculpture will return in a couple of weeks after the repairs are completed.

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