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JULY 5, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY:

A proclamation recognizing July as Park and Recreation month was read.

The second reading of Ordinance 1466 to amend Chapter 92, Fire Prevention to allow for a burn ban to be in effect within City limits from the time the National Weather Service declares a Fire Weather Watch or Red Flag warning until the next regular City Council meeting when a Resolution can be presented for consideration was approved.

A Special Daily malt beverage and wine permit for the Clay County Fair on August 11, 12, and 13, 2022 was approved.

A proclamation recognizing the City Council and community service of Mayor Kelsey Collier-Wise was read.

Jon Cole was installed as Mayor. Julia Hellwege, Rich Holland, Mike Murra, and Katherine Price were installed as City Council members for their respective wards. All terms of office are for four-years.

Rich Holland was elected Council President while Steve Ward was elected Vice-President of the City Council.

Katie Redden was appointed as Finance Officer. The City Council will interview City Attorney candidates over the next month. Brent Matter will continue to serve as City Attorney until the August 1, 2022 City Council meeting.

The City Council completed reorganizational meeting items such as assignment of Committees, selection of an official newspaper and depositories, continuing with the Board of Equalization, and adoption of rules of order.

A request to reduce sideyard setbacks from 8-feet to 6-feet and reduce utility easements in Blocks 7, 8, and 9 of Bliss Pointe Addition was approved.

A Resolution to adjust landfill rates to be \$2.50 per ton effective August 1, 2022 was approved.

Kate Fitzgerald, Keith Gestring, Greg Merrigan, and Kevin O'Kelley were appointed to five-year terms on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Craig Develder was appointed to a five-year term on the Vermillion Housing Authority Board.

The first reading of Ordinance 1467 to expand the use of second penny funds was approved.

A Resolution to trade in the 2003 ambulance and purchase a 2022 Ford F-550 wheeled coach ambulance from FELD Fire Equipment of Carroll, Iowa in the amount of \$248,003 was approved. Clay County provides the funding for ambulance. The ambulance is slated to arrive during the first quarter of 2023.

City Manager's Report:

There is one-year term for a program participant on the Vermillion Housing Authority Board. Expression of Interest forms are due by July 14, 2022 at Noon. The City Council will make an appointment at the July 18, 2022 meeting.

The landfill will be open this Saturday, July 9, 2022 from 8 am to 12:00 pm (Noon) and the recycling center will be open from 9:00 am to Noon. The facilities are open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month.

Reminder that Thursdays on the Platz begins this Thursday, July 7, 2022 and will continue every Thursday during July and August. Portions of W. Main Street, Prospect Street, and Market Street around Ratingen Platz will be closed from 4:00 to 8:00 pm on these eight Thursdays for the setup and the actual event.

Raffle notification: SESDAC / Vermillion Public Transit will be selling \$100 tickets from July 18 to September 29, 2022. The grand prize is \$5,000. Proceeds from the raffle will be used for the local match for a new VPT bus. Up to 250 tickets will be sold and the winning ticket(s) will be drawn during an event at the Old Lumber Company on September 30, 2022.

The Human Relations Commission meets on Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 5:30 pm at City Hall.

Jon Cole, Mayor

Travis Letellier
Julia Hellwege

Brian Humphrey
Mike Murra

Steve Ward
Rich Holland

Lindsey Jennewein
Katherine Price