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JULY 6, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY:

Northeast Ward Council Member Tom Sorensen completed his term of office and was recognized for his service.

A Proclamation recognizing July as Parks and Recreation Month was read.

City Council members Brian Humphrey, Travis Letellier, and Steve Ward took the oath of office for their 4-year term. The City Council also completed reorganizational meeting items such as designating the official newspaper, depositories, participation in the consolidated Board of Equalization, and determination of the rules of order. City Council Committee assignments as well as other representative assignments were approved. Rich Holland and Steve Ward were reelected the President and Vice-President, respectively, of the City Council. Mike Carlson was reappointed Finance Officer and Jim McCulloch was reappointed City Attorney.

MIDCO presented an annual report of the cable television franchise to the City Council.

The Home Rule Charter Committee presented their report. The report is available on the City's website. On July 20th, the City Council will consider placing the question of adopting a Home Rule Charter on the November general election ballot.

Approval to temporarily remove parking on N. Dakota Street north of Alumni Street and to close Rose Street from Coyote Village north to the Dakota Dome from 6am to 6pm on the five dates of the 2020 USD home football games was given.

A resolution authorizing the City's participation in the process to receive CARES Act funding was approved.

A resolution increasing city code violation fines by \$10 due to the same increase in court system costs was approved.

Don Forseth, Susan Heggstad, Thomas Mrozla, Doug Tuve, and Jim Wilson were appointed to 5-year terms on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The closing of a portion of Market Street and Kidder Street from 6am on Friday, September 11th until 6pm on Saturday, September 12th for a BBQ competition. Due to COVID-19, the competition is not a public event this year.

The closing of a portion of the alley immediately west of the building and special event license for the Varsity was approved.

An agreement with Banner Associates for the final design of Brooks Industrial Park regional detention pond was approved.

An agreement for the construction McHenry Street by a private entity was approved.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The Human Relations Commission is meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 7pm.

There is one opening on the Joint Powers Commission for a three-year term. Applicants are asked to complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) form by Thursday, July 16, 2020 by 5 pm. The City Council anticipates making an appointment at the July 20, 2020 meeting.

The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources presented the Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence to Vermillion for the 19th consecutive year.

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 every Tuesday 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.

Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Monday, July 13 at 5:30 pm. One item on their agenda is to amend the PDD zoning for Bliss Pointe to allow limited car sales in Area D and single family detached housing in Area C.

Two raffle notification forms from Wal-Mart related to the Children's Miracle Network were acknowledged.