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**AUGUST 2, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY:**

A proclamation was read recognizing the City of Vermillion water utility staff for 20 consecutive years of meeting Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources safe drinking water compliance standards. The proclamation recognized Vermillion water utility staff for receiving the Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence.

The City Council approved the second reading of an ordinance to rezone a lot of the AMS Industrial Park. The ordinance changes the zone of AMS Industrial Park from NRC-Natural Resource Conservation District to HI-Heavy Industrial District. The property was annexed into the City in May and is located northwest of 317<sup>th</sup> Street and N. Norbeck Street.

A permit for the consumption of alcohol at the Local Fare at the Fair, an event sponsored by the Vermillion Area Farmer's Market, was approved for Friday, August 13, 2021 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The event will take place at the Clay County Fairgrounds in Clover Hall.

The University of South Dakota's request to temporarily close Rose Street from Coyote Village north to the Dakota Dome and remove parking on N. Dakota Street from Alumni Street to the Highway 50 bypass was considered and approved by the City Council. The closure will take place from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on September 11, October 2, October 9, October 23, and November 13, 2021 for the University of South Dakota Coyote's home football tailgate and games.

The proposed 2022 budget was presented to the City Council. The presentation of the budget will give the City Council a week to prepare and read over the documents before the budget hearings on Monday, August 9 and Tuesday, August 10, 2021. Some large projects proposed for 2022 funding consideration include: renovation of the Prentis Park outfield surface and fence, installation of a sand volleyball court at Prentis Park, restoration of the Prentis Park bandshell, renovation of the Lions Park campground, replacement of section of the Vermillion River hike/bike trail, and street maintenance funding. Vermillion Light and Power electric rates are proposed to remain the same. Water rates may increase 2% while the monthly residential curbside collection fee would increase 20 cents to \$3.90 a month.

The City Council appointed Judy Benson to serve the remainder of a term expiring in 2022 on the Business Improvement District Board #1, due to the resignation of a former member. The Business Improvement District Board #1 is made up of five community members and pursues the goal of promoting tourism in the City of Vermillion.

**City Manager's Report:**

The Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company's Thursdays on the Platz are underway. The West City Hall parking lot and Center Street between Main Street and National Street will be closed on Thursdays in August from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the event. The event on August 5<sup>th</sup> will be sponsored by Seduc, South Dakota Army National Guard, The Heights, Dakota Brick House, and the National Music Museum and will feature the Blue Ridge Band.

The landfill is open on the second Saturday of the month. The next opportunity is coming up on Saturday, August 14, 2021. The public will be able to access the land fill from 8 a.m. to Noon on Saturday.

The Vermillion Historic Preservation Commission will be meeting on Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. at City Hall.