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AUGUST 17, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY:

A proclamation supported by Midwest All Pro Wrestling recognizing August 31, 2020 as “Slam Out Hunger Day” was read.

The first reading of Ordinance 1417 requiring the wearing of face coverings or face masks inside of buildings open to the public to slow the spread of COVID-19 failed. This item was previously tabled at the August 3, 2020 meeting.

The second reading of Emergency Ordinance 1418 to amend Title XI, Chapter 112 amending Section 112.01 Special Event Definitions and 112.18 amending Special Event Licensing to include current license holders was approved. This item allows current alcohol sales license holders the opportunity to hold special events in the public right-of-way for the next 60 days.

The second reading of Emergency Ordinance 1419 to require signage at the entrance to buildings open to the public stating that face masks or face coverings are expected was approved. This signage helps provide consistent messaging throughout the community and USD campus regarding face masks and coverings.

The City Council reviewed the Emergency Resolution approved on August 11, 2020 encouraging the use of face coverings or face masks and determined that the Emergency Resolution shall continue.

A request from downtown businesses to close parking spots on Main Street and the alley between 113 E. Main Street and 101 E. Main St for the downtown Social Distance Expanded Seating Event August 25-October 24, 2020 was approved. This seating provides the public with additional space to enjoy dining outdoors, where it is harder for COVID-19 to spread.

Approved a recommendation from Business Improvement District #1 board to utilize reserve funds to make up the difference between actual receipts for the third and fourth quarters of 2020 vs. the 5-year average payment for the third and fourth quarters in determining the amount transferred to the Vermillion Chamber and Development Company for tourism.

The City Council authorized the mayor to sign a grant offer and related documents for an Airport Improvement Project at Harold Davidson Field for the reconstruction 2,200 feet of hangar area taxiway.

Approved a resolution setting the September 21st meeting as a hearing on a special assessment roll for nuisance abatement.

A resolution authorizing the purchase of 17,500 landfill bale bags from Global Packaging Solutions, Inc. was approved. The City orders these bags months in advance to utilize as part of the landfill baling process.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Census is underway. Please take a minute to complete the 2020 Census. It helps the City of Vermillion and Clay County.

Reminder that Thursdays on the Platz are every Thursday through the end of August. W. Main Street from the west line of the intersection of Court Street west to the west line of Ratingen Platz and Market Street as they abut Ratingen Platz will be closed from 4-8 pm. This Thursday, August 20, Stockwell Engineering will have Streetscape Plans at the 25% completion level available for viewing. They welcome public comment on the proposals.

Library Board is meeting on Friday, August 21 at Noon for their monthly meeting.

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 7 for the Labor Day holiday. The next City Council meeting is on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

At the September 8 meeting, the City Council will have first reading of the ordinance to approve the proposed 2021 budget. As part of the process, the City Council will have the annual agenda item to review the use of the malt beverage markup proceeds over the last couple of years and the continuation of the malt beverage markup in the new budget year.