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SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY:

The second reading of Ordinance 1487 to rezone Tract 1 of Jack Powell Addition from NRC to GB – General Business was approved. The property is addressed as 1250 Stanford Street and will be the site of the new law enforcement center.

Ordinances 1490, 1491, and 1492 addressing dockless vehicles were approved on second reading. The ordinances add several definitions to General Traffic and Parking regulations, address driving over a sidewalk, require dockless vehicles to follow the rules of the road, and Operating Authorities for businesses providing dockless vehicles for rent. A dockless vehicle is generally defined as a motorized scooter or electric bike that is rented. Dockless vehicles will need to follow the rules of the road. Dockless vehicles along with pedestrians, personal mobile scooters, bikes, wheelchairs, and electrical personal assistance devices are permitted to use the sidewalks. An Operating Authority is a commercial business that rents scooters or electric bicycles for use. These businesses will need to follow the terms of use with the City for an annual license. A Resolution establishing an annual fee for an Operating Authority was established as \$500 per year.

The closing of Main Street from S. Norbeck Street to High Street on Friday, September 29, 2023 from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm for the Vermillion High School homecoming parade was approved. A rolling barricade is used to minimize disruptions.

As part of the budgeting process, Ordinance 1488 revising the 2023 budget and Ordinance 1489 establishing 2024 Appropriations were advanced to a second reading on September 18, 2023. The proceeds from the malt beverage markup were reviewed and the markup will continue to be used in 2024 to retire a portion of the General Obligation bonds for Prentis Park improvements. Second penny funds make up the balance of the annual debt service funding.

Al Leber was appointed to a vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Susan Keith Gray and Carson Merkwan were appointed to three-year terms on the City's Historic Preservation Commission.

An agreement with the South Dakota Department of Transportation for the City to pay 10% of the project cost to install crossing arms at the Dakota Street railroad crossing between Chestnut Street and Broadway Street was approved. The estimated City cost is \$14,508.

The Fiscal Year 2022 Audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was approved.

Four Resolutions related to the Law Enforcement Center project were approved. The first Resolution provides for the transfer of a 10-foot strip of property abutting the north side of the Baylor Street right-of-way from Stanford Street to James Street to be transferred from the County to the City at no cost. The second Resolution sells the 7-acre property platted as Tract 1 of Jack Powell Addition to the County for \$210,000. The third Resolution addresses that the County will pay for half of the cost of the installation of a standard street as James Street abuts the north and west sides of Tract 1 of Jack Powell Addition. The fourth Resolution sells the existing 6,720 square feet of Police Department space to Clay County for \$201,600.

City Manager's Report:

The Human Relations Commission next meets on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the Powell Conference room. The Golf Advisory Board meets on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 5:30 pm at the Bluffs.

Raffle notification: After Prom is selling 50/50 tickets at \$20 each from September 5, 2023 through October 19, 2023. The drawing will be held on October 23, 2023. The estimated prize pot of \$2,500 and will be split with 35% going to the grand prize, 10% to the second prize, and 5% to the third prize. The balance of the proceeds will be used to fund the After Prom event.

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