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SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY:

The City Council reviewed Emergency Ordinance 1419 requiring signage at the entrance to buildings open to the public that states Face Covering expected. The City Council also reviewed the Emergency Resolution encouraging the use of face coverings or face masks. No changes were made to either document.

A Special Daily malt beverage and wine license for the VCDC's Thursdays on the Platz events from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on September 10, 17, 24, and October 1, 2020 was approved. Main Street will be closed from Court Street west through Ratingen Platz and Market Street will be closed from W. Main Street south through the southern end of Ratingen Platz for these four events.

A hearing on submitting a Community Development Block Grant application for \$770,000 as part of the funding for storm sewer improvements to be constructed in the south ditch of Highway 50 in 2021 was conducted. A Resolution authorizing submittal of the CDBG application and designation of the Environmental Certifying Officer was approved.

The first reading of Ordinance 1420 to establish 2021 Appropriations was approved. The budget includes funding for the downtown Streetscape project, improvements to the drainage system in the south Highway 50 ditch, continuation of AMI infrastructure for water and electric meters, funding for library materials, street maintenance improvement projects, contributions to community organizations, and many other items. The first reading of Ordinance 1421 to revise the 2020 Appropriations was also approved.

Malt beverage markup receipts and use of the funds for the last year were reviewed. The City Council will continue the malt beverage markup for the next year and is again directing all of the proceeds toward retirement of the General Obligation bond for Prentis Park improvements.

The 2019 audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was presented and accepted.

Susan Keith Gray and William Dendinger were reappointed to three-year terms on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Ten abandoned vehicles were declared surplus for use by the Fire Department for training.

Developer agreements with AMS Building System for infrastructure for land west of Commerce Street were approved.

A professional services agreement, not-to-exceed \$98,000, with Burns & McDonnell for engineering work for the construction of landfill cells 6 and 7 as well as the closure of landfill cells 2 and 3 was approved.

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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. W. Main Street from the west line of the intersection of Court Street west to the west line of Ratingen Platz and Market Street from W. Main Street south to the end of Ratingen Platz will be closed from 4-8 pm.

Portions of Market Street and Kidder Street and the public parking lot at that intersection will be closed from 6am Friday, September 11 until 6pm on Saturday, September 12, 2020 for a Ribs, Rods and Rock N Roll competition. Due to COVID-19, it is not a public event this year but a private competition for competitors.

Due to a resignation there is an opening on the Vermillion Housing Authority. The term runs until June 2025. Interested individuals are asked to complete an Expression of Interest form and submit it no later than 5pm on Thursday, September 17, 2020. The City Council may make an appointment at the September 21, 2020 meeting.

The Library Board will meet on Friday, September 18, 2020 at Noon.

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