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SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY:

A retail (on-off sale) malt beverage license and a SD Farm Wine license for Silk Road Café at 12 W. Main St was approved. The license will expire on June 30, 2024.

The transfer of a retail (on-sale) from Rollie T. French at 24 Center Street to Coyote Convenience at 116 E Cherry Street was approved. The license will expire on December 31, 2023.

Two public hearings were held on applications for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awards. Each application is in the amount of \$2,020,000. Authorization to apply for the respective CDBG awards and related application documents were approved. One CDBG application is for water main replacement on S. University Street from E. Main Street to Canby Street, Canby Street from Lewis Street to S. University Street, and Crestview from Thomas Street to S. Norbeck Street. The second CDBG application is for the reconstruction of E. Clark Street between N. Dakota Street and N. Plum Street.

The second reading of Ordinance 1488 revising the 2023 budget and Ordinance 1489 establishing 2024 Appropriations were approved.

The first reading of Ordinance 1493 to add fences to the LI – Light Industrial District and NC – Neighborhood Commercial District was held, and the ordinance was advanced to a second reading on October 2, 2023.

A request to close N. Dakota Street from the north McDonald’s entrance to Duke Street on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm for the Fire / EMS Open House was approved.

Motions to transfer abandoned bicycles collected by the Police Department to the United Way and Pedal Power from the Pen, and tables from the Library to the Boys and Girls Club were approved. A motion to declare old Fire Department turnout gear surplus so that the items can be removed was also approved.

City Manager’s Report:

Upcoming meetings:

- Historic Preservation Commission – Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 9:00 am at City Hall
- Library Board of Trustees - Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Library
- Joint Powers Board meeting – Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 5:30 pm at Yankton City Hall
- Planning & Zoning Commission – Monday, September 25, 2023 at 5:30 pm at City Hall

Board and Commission openings:

- Planning & Zoning Commission term expiring in June 2027
- Historic Preservation Commission term expiring in September 2025
- Human Relations Commission term expiring in May 2026

Each Commission has one term available as indicated. All applicants for any of the open terms are asked to complete an Expression of Interest form available on the City’s website or at City Hall by Noon on Friday, October 6, 2023. Appointments are planned for the Monday, October 16, 2023 City Council meeting. For more information on the respective Commissions, please review the City’s website or contact City Hall.

Reminder that the Vermillion High School Homecoming parade is on Friday, September 29, 2023. There will be some closures on Main Street from Norbeck Street to High Street between 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm as the parade works to the west. Approximately twenty entries are anticipated for the parade.

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