



City Council
Meeting Briefing
October 7, 2019

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October 7, 2019 City Council Meeting Summary

A Proclamation for Public Power Week was read. Public Power Week celebrates municipally-owned electric systems that provide low-cost, not-for-profit rates with transparent decisions made at open public meetings for the benefit of our community.

The second reading of Ordinance 1405 amending Title XV, Land Usage; Chapter 152, Signs amending definitions, removing speech specific subject matter and establishing uniform size, height, and duration requirements for all signs regardless of content was approved.

Business Improvement District #2 presented a report on the downtown streetscape project. At their October 21, 2019 meeting, the City Council will consider a Resolution of Intent to set a December 2, 2019 public hearing for consideration of adopting the ordinance.

A resolution adjusting the storm drainage fee by 3.6% was approved. This change will result in the City collecting \$8,700 in additional revenue in 2020 for storm sewer system work.

The closing of N. Dakota Street between the north entry to McDonalds and Duke Street on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 from 5-7 pm for the Fire/EMS Open House was approved.

Change Order #1 in the amount of \$63,650.35 for additional work on the ceiling as part of the ground storage reservoir renovation project was approved.

Bids were accepted on seven pieces of city equipment that had been declared surplus.

City Manager's Report

Two open houses this week:

- Fire / EMS Department will have an open house on Wednesday night, October 9 from 5:30 pm - 7 pm at the main station on N. Dakota Street. They will have the Drive a Ford event again this year with the proceeds going to the Fire Department. Free food and activities.
- Vermillion Light & Power will have their annual Open House on Thursday, October 10 from 11am to 1pm at the Service Center – 115 W. Duke Street. Stop by for a free lunch, enter drawings, and learn more about how public power serves our community.

City Offices will be closed next Monday, October 14, 2019 for Native American Day.

Raffle notifications:

- USD's Panhellenic Council is selling \$15 raffle tickets until October 19, 2019. The prize is a USD parking pass valued at \$150. Proceeds go to the Circle of Sisterhood Foundation. They are trying to raise enough funding to build a school in an undeveloped country.
- Dakota Hospital Foundation will be selling an arm span of raffle tickets for \$20 during their Holiday Décor Auction in the MUC ballroom on Tuesday, November 26 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Prizes are gift baskets ranging in value from \$50 to \$150. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to upgrade to 3D mammography at Sanford Vermillion.
- St. Agnes is selling \$1 raffle tickets until the Fall Festival on October 21, 2019. Prizes range in value from \$50 to \$500. Proceeds from the raffle will go to St. Agnes church and school.