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OCTOBER 19, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY:

The City Council reviewed the Emergency Resolution adopted on October 5, 2020 encouraging the use of face coverings or face masks. No changes were made to the Emergency Resolution.

Proclamations recognizing November 1, 2020 as Extra Mile Day and the week of November 2 – 6, 2020 as National Veterans Small Business Week were read.

Emergency Ordinance 1419 was effective on August 17, 2020 and expired on October 16, 2020 as Emergency Ordinances or Resolutions expire after 60 days. The City Council approved the second reading of Emergency Ordinance 1422 to replace Emergency Ordinance 1419. Emergency Ordinance 1422 requires the posting of a sign at the entrance to buildings open to the public which states that a face mask is expected per City Resolution. The fine for a violation of Emergency Ordinance 1422 was set at \$56.50 with court costs of \$72.50, the total fine would be \$129.

At the request of the property owners and with the consent of both sides of the street, the west 12-feet of S. Harvard Street from E. Main Street south to Summer Street was vacated via adoption of a Resolution by the City Council.

The City Council heard an appeal by the applicant of the Planning Commission decision to grant a Conditional Use Permit for 50 W. Cherry Street with the limitation that no more than 10 vehicles could be displayed outdoors. The City Council amended the condition on the Conditional Use Permit to allow for the display of 40 vehicles.

The first reading of Ordinance 1423 amending a definition related to nuisance trees and establishing protocols to address the Emerald Ash Borer was approved. The second reading will be scheduled for City Council consideration when the Emerald Ash Borer is within 30 miles of the Vermillion.

The first reading of Ordinance 1424 to update the Floodplain maps as requested by FEMA was approved.

An FAA grant pre-application checklist for the airport hangar taxi lane project in 2021 was approved.

Patrick Morrison and Bekki Engquist-Schroeder were appointed to the Business Improvement District #2 board.

The request to close Main Street from Court Street through Ratingen Platz and Market Street as it abuts Ratingen Platz on Thursday, December 3, 2020 from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm for the VCDC's Holiday Standstill Parade of Lights was approved.

A bid from Sunkota Construction of Sioux Falls to complete phase 1 of the recycling center renovation was approved.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Two terms on the Business Improvement District #1 Board are expiring. Interested individuals are asked to submit an Expression of Interest form by 5pm on October 29. Anticipate that the City Council will make appointments on November 2. This Board works with the \$2 per night, per occupied room lodging fee to promote tourism.

The Planning Commission of the City of Vermillion and Clay County are meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, October 26 at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to gather public comment on the work to date on the Comprehensive Plan for the Joint Jurisdictional Zoning Area. This is an opportunity to offer public comment as the plan is developed.

On the November 3 General Election ballot is an item entitled City Question. The question is in regard to the adoption of a Home Rule Charter for the City of Vermillion. A Yes vote will adopt the Charter. A No vote will not have the Charter adopted. A copy of the entire proposed Home Rule Charter is available on the City's website under Latest Headlines.

Raffle notification: Family Law and Child Advocacy is selling raffle tickets at \$1 each, 6 for \$5, 13 for \$10, or 30 for \$20 on November 17, 18 and 19, 2020. The drawing will be held on November 20, 2020. Prizes are four separate themed baskets valued between \$40 and \$60. Proceeds will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association or deployed military goodie bags.

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