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NOVEMBER 2, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY:

The City Council reviewed Emergency Ordinance 1422 requiring signage at the entrance to buildings open to the public that states Face Coverings Expected. The City Council also reviewed the Emergency Resolution adopted on October 5, 2020 encouraging the use of face coverings or face masks. No changes were made to either document. 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.

The second reading of Ordinance 1424 to update the Floodplain maps as requested by FEMA was approved. FEMA has been updating Flood Insurance Rate Maps throughout the country. As part of the updates, FEMA reviewed the City's ordinances and requested the changes made with Ordinance 1424. Most of the city is not within the flood plain. One change had to do with coastal flooding which is not pertinent inside of city limits. The second change was to have the City Engineer serve as the Floodplain Administrator.

Greg Huckabee and Dan Kenton were reappointed to three-year terms on the Board of Business Improvement District #1. This Board works with the \$2 per night, per occupied hotel room fee to promote tourism.

The City Council set a meeting date of November 10, 2020 at 5:00 pm in City Hall to canvas the City Home Rule Charter election results.

A resolution to apply for a Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Program grant through SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources for a Direct Current fast charging station for electric vehicles was approved. If the grant is awarded by DENR, the Trust Program grant will pay for 80% of the lowest bid for the charging station. An additional grant is also being explored for a majority of the remaining cost to install.

Accounts receivable for utilities, general accounts, landfill fees, return checks, and ambulance accounts were written-off for accounting purposes. Collection efforts will continue through a collection agency or small claims court.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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. The polls are open from 7am to 7pm on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

City offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 for Veterans Day. The curbside recycling collection scheduled for November 11 will be on Monday, November 16, 2020.

The City of Vermillion Historic Preservation Commission is meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 9 am.

The City of Vermillion Human Relations Commission is meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 7:30 pm.

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