

Unapproved Minutes
Council Special Session
July 9, 2020
Thursday 6:00 p.m.

The special session of the City Council, City of Vermillion, South Dakota was held on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

1. Roll Call

Present: Hellwege (teleconference), Holland (teleconference), Humphrey (teleconference), Jennewein (teleconference), Letellier (teleconference), Price (teleconference), Ward (teleconference), Willson (teleconference), Mayor Collier-Wise (teleconference)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adoption of Agenda

210-20

Alderman Hellwege moved approval of the agenda. Alderman Price seconded the motion. A roll call vote of the Governing Body was as follows: Hellwege-Y, Holland-Y, Humphrey-Y, Jennewein-Y, Letellier-Y, Price-Y, Ward-Y, Willson-Y, Mayor Collier-Wise-Y. Mayor Collier-Wise declared the motion adopted.

4. Visitors to be Heard - None

5. Discuss opening of Park playgrounds and basketball courts

John Prescott, City Manager, provided background on the City Council actions concerning the playgrounds and basketball courts with the last vote being on June 15, 2020 to keep them closed. John reported on Tuesday, July 7th three Council members required a special Council meeting to discuss opening of the playgrounds and basketball courts. John stated that City Hall has received three emailed comments on this issue which were sent with the meeting information. John noted that there has also been a number of phone calls on this topic.

Jim Goblirsch, Director of Parks and Recreation, reported that, to his knowledge, all other South Dakota cities have opened their outdoor playgrounds and basketball courts. Jim reported that the SD Parks & Recreation Association has recommended that signage be placed outlining the CDC guidelines. Jim reported that the National Parks & Recreation Association also recommended to follow the CDC guidelines.

Todd Nelson, resident of 907 Jane Street, noted that he has to take his children out of town to go to a playground or pool. Mr. Nelson stated that the public schools have opened the school playgrounds and asked about consistency between the City and other entities within the community. Mr. Nelson stated that he would support opening the playgrounds and basketball courts.

Discussion followed on the playgrounds and basketball courts.

211-20

Alderman Ward moved approval of opening the City playgrounds with the appropriate signage. Alderman Holland seconded the motion. Discussion followed on the motion. A roll call vote of the Governing Body was as follows: Hellwege-N, Holland-Y, Humphrey-Y, Jennewein-Y, Letellier-N, Price-Y, Ward-Y, Willson-Y, Mayor Collier-Wise-N. Mayor Collier-Wise declared the motion adopted.

Discussion followed on the basketball courts.

212-20

Alderman Holland moved approval of opening the City outdoor basketball courts for half court usage. Alderman Humphrey seconded the motion. Discussion followed on the ability for social distancing and following the CDC guidelines if playing basketball games. A roll call vote of the Governing Body was as follows: Hellwege-N, Holland-Y, Humphrey-Y, Jennewein-N, Letellier-N, Price-Y, Ward-Y, Willson-Y, Mayor Collier-Wise-N. Mayor Collier-Wise declared the motion adopted.

6. Adjourn

213-20

Alderman Ward moved to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:44 p.m. Alderman Holland seconded the motion. A roll call vote of the Governing Body was as follows: Hellwege-Y, Holland-Y, Humphrey-Y, Jennewein-Y, Letellier-Y, Price-Y, Ward-Y, Willson-Y, Mayor Collier-Wise-Y. Mayor Collier-Wise declared the motion adopted.

Dated at Vermillion, South Dakota this 9th day of July, 2020.

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY
OF VERMILLION, SOUTH DAKOTA
BY _____
Kelsey Collier-Wise, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michael D. Carlson, Finance Officer

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