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JANUARY 18, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY:

The City Council reviewed Emergency Ordinance 1425 requiring signage at the entrance to buildings open to the public that states Face Coverings Expected. The City Council also reviewed the Emergency Resolution effective on December 10, 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 1425 is \$56.50 plus court costs of \$72.50, for a total fine of \$129. These documents have a 60-day life and will be expiring in February 2021.

Change order #1, which was an increase of \$14,583 in the contract price for the renovation of the recycling center at 840 N. Crawford Road, was approved. The change order was primarily due to additional insulation work needed on the building, which was unknown before the actual construction began. The contract completion date is March 12, 2021.

An agreement with the South Dakota Department of Transportation for the Highway 50 bypass reconstruction project was approved. The agreement details the City's maintenance and financial responsibilities. The City is paying for the cost of street lights to be installed from Stanford Street to Over Drive. The State will be paying a portion of the storm sewer project from Dakota Street to Over Drive. The State will open bids for this 2021 construction project on February 3, 2021.

Nick Slattery requested the abatement of City special assessments for 119 Franklin Street. The special assessments are for demolition of the structure and cleanup of the property in 2014 as well as unpaid amounts for grass/weed mowing and sidewalk snow removal. The City Council agreed to reduce the special assessments to \$5,222.18 to cover contractor costs and landfill fees if the amount is paid by February 1, 2021 and a building permit is issued for the lot by February 1, 2022.

A bid was awarded to RESCO for 25 electrical padmount Ermco transformers in the amount of \$47,674.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

Reminder that sidewalks are to be cleared within 24 hours after the end of a snow event. Snow should be stored on your property. It should not be taken across the street or stored on a neighbor's property without their permission. Please clean up any wind-rows in the street from moving snow.

A public meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 7:00pm in the City Council chambers to review the Streetscape plans for Downtown Vermillion. The plans will be at the 95% completion level for the meeting. The presentation and first part of the meeting will be televised on cable channel 3 and UStream as City Council meetings are broadcast. When the participants break into small groups to review the plans with the consulting firm, the broadcast will end.

The City's Historic Preservation Commission will meet on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 9:00 am.

The Library Board will meet on Friday, January 22, 2021 at 12:00 pm.