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OCTOBER 04, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY:

A proclamation was made proclaiming October 3rd – 9th as Public Power Week. This week is dedicated to the excellent services the City of Vermillion Light & Power provides as well as the importance of a community-owned, locally controlled, not-for-profit electric utility with decisions made at open public meetings.

A Special daily malt beverage and wine license for the Vermillion Area Arts Council event ‘Haunted: The Opening’ at 202 Washington Street on Saturday, October 23, 2021 was approved.

The second reading of Ordinance 1441 to have a 5% malt beverage markup apply to convention center and municipal airport liquor licenses was approved. Neither of these two types of licenses are currently issued in the community.

The second reading of Ordinance 1442 to expand the definition of eligibility for four of seven seats on the City’s Historic Preservation Commission was approved. Ownership of a registered historic property will qualify regardless of building location in the community for one of the four designated seats on the City’s Historic Preservation Commission.

The second reading of Ordinance 1443 to add sections to Chapter 90 Health and Safety Nuisances to establish a framework to declare emergencies, establish standards to address the situation, provide for abatement, and an appeal process was approved. The ordinance would not address any current situations but future emergencies.

A resolution was approved to establish fees for Medical Cannabis Establishments licensing and registration within the City of Vermillion as provided for with the adoption of Ordinance 1435. The Initial Application Fee is \$1 per capita based on most recent census (currently \$11,695). The Initial Application Fee includes one Medical Cannabis License for the year in which it is issued. All other Medical Cannabis licenses and the renewal fee for each license are \$5,000 per each license.

A resolution to change the City’s storm drainage fee was approved. The proposed increase in the fee is 3.4%. A single-family home on a lot of 10,000 square feet would see their annual fee change from \$33.38 to \$34.50 with this proposal.

An amendment to the Consultant Agreement with Stockwell Engineers for redesign of transition areas, additional inspections regarding basement protrusions and openings, and extension of the deadline of the construction project for the downtown Streetscape improvements was approved.

The FAA, through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), allocated funding to be awarded as economic relief to eligible U.S. airports affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The City will be reimbursed for up to \$13,000 on eligible expenses over the next few years.

Brent Matter was appointed to serve as City Attorney with the passing of Jim McCulloch.

City Manager’s Report:

The Fire Department Open House is Wednesday, October 6 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Fire Station on Dakota Street.

The landfill will be open on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 8am to Noon.

There is an opening on the Tree Board for a 2-year term. Please submit an Expression of Interest form by Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 5:00 pm. An appointment may be made at the October 18th City Council meeting.

There is also an opening on the City’s Historic Preservation Commission for a 3-year term. For this Commission seat, the individual does need to own property in one of the four historic districts. Please submit an Expression of Interest form by Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 5:00 pm. An appointment may be made at the October 18th City Council meeting.

City offices will be closed next Monday, October 11, 2021 for the Native American Day holiday.

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