

April 9, 2024

The Vesta City Council Public Hearing was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Kolander at the Vesta Community Center. Council present were Councilman Swedzinski, Councilman Rathman, and Councilman Kolander. Councilwoman Samyn was absent.

Staff Present: Director Dhoore and Clerk Guetter

Visitors Present: Kirsten Wall, Jason Kramer, Jeremy Krause, and Travis Welch.

Audit

Sara Oberloh was here to present the City of Vesta 2023 Audit. The City of Vesta was found to have had a clean audit.

General Inquires/Complaints

N/A

Consent Agenda

- A. March 12, 2024 Minutes
- B. Bills & ACH \$ 20,878.60
- C. Payroll \$ 10,579.60
- D. Elections Judge Payroll \$ 1,036.69
- E. Bank Statements –March bank statements – unreconciled.

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Swedzinski seconded by Councilman Kolander, motion passed unanimously.

Reports/Requests

Fire Department – asked to apply for a 50/50 DNR grant the cost would be \$2500 to apply, they would be applying to replace hoses and nozzles. A motion to approve the grant application was made by Councilman Swedzinski seconded by Councilman Kolander motion passes unanimously.

The Fire Department also requested to do their annual Fire Relief Raffle fundraiser. A motion to approve the annual fundraiser was made by Councilman Kolander seconded by Councilman Rathman motion passes unanimously.

Fire Responder requested to hire Olivia Wall as a First Responder. Councilman Kolander made a motion to hire Olivia Wall pending a clear background check seconded by Councilman Swedzinski motion passes unanimously.

Mayor Kolander asked Director Dhoore what the plan was for the water shut off at Meadowland gas pumps was. The water line shut-off had popped up above the cement. Director Dhoore stated he had put oil down it to hopefully get it shut off, Director Dhoore stated the danger of cranking on it would be that the water line is directly above the diesel tanks and we could potentially have to take up all the cement. Director Dhoore asked if he couldn't get it shut off would you want it replaced? The Council would like more information.

Director Dhoore had nothing to report.

Clerk Guetter stated we received \$6,296.00 from the five-star grant that was applied for.

Clerk Guetter asked to go to the Clerk's Institute from May 6-10. Councilman Kolander made a motion to approve the Clerk's Institute request, seconded by Councilman Rathman motion passes unanimously.

Clerk Guetter notified the council of her upcoming vacation July 22-29.

Clerk Guetter stated we were in compliance with Pay Equity, that we would be receiving TAA monies \$2,191 for streets.

Clerk Guetter stated that there was a lot of upset within the Fire Department after the policy was put in place at the March council meeting, Clerk Guetter asked if between her, the Fire Chief, and a Councilmember that we could look at issuing a new policy and working together. Council agreed that it would be fine for a committee to be set up, Councilman Kolander stated he would help, Clerk Guetter will make arrangements.

OLD BUSINESS

Insurance for the School Building was tabled as there was no new information available.

NEW BUSINESS

A building permit was submitted from Warren Kolander for an addition. Councilman Rathman made a motion to approve the Kolander Building permit, seconded by Councilman Swedzinski motion passes unanimously. Councilman Kolander and Mayor Kolander abstained.

A building permit was submitted by Victoria Altoff for a fence. Councilman Kolander made a motion to approve the Altoff Building Permit, seconded by Councilman Swedzinski motion passes unanimously.

A motion to close the council meeting so discuss the applicants for the cleaning position was made at 7:41pm was made by Councilman Kolander seconded by Councilman Swedzinski. Meeting was closed at 7:41pm.

The council meeting was opened at 7:52pm.

A motion to hire Kim Shemon for the cleaning position for up to 10 hours a month was made by Councilman Kolander seconded by Councilman Swedzinski motion passes unanimously.

A bid for another access point for the key fob entry was presented. A motion to approve the bid was made by Councilman Swedzinski, seconded by Councilman Rathman motion passes unanimously.

A motion to pass Resolution 2024-07 Accepting Donations was made by Councilman Kolander, seconded by Councilman Swedzinski motion passes unanimously.

The Council Meeting was closed for the Board of Equalization Meeting at 8:02.

Board of Equalization Meeting was opened at 8:03pm and adjourned at 8:40

Council Meeting was reopened at 8:40pm.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm, was made by Councilman Kolander, seconded by Councilman Swedzinski, motion passed unanimously.

I, the undersigned, Brooke Guetter City Clerk/Treasurer in and for the City of Vesta, Minnesota, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

Honorable Mayor, Warren Kolander

Brooke Guetter, City Clerk/Treasurer