

August 12, 2024

The Vesta City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Mayor Kolander at the Vesta Community Center. Council present were Councilman Swedzinski, Councilman Rathman, and Councilman Kolander and Councilwoman Samyn.

Staff Present: Clerk Guetter Director Guetter

Visitors Present: Mark Klema – Bollig Engineering

McKenzie Taylor read her Oath of Office and was sworn into office.

General Inquires/Complaints

Bollig Engineering had Mark Klema visit with the Council with the Lead and Copper findings along with the properties that they either haven't been in or can't get in.

Consent Agenda

- A. July 1, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes
- B. July 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- C. Bills & ACH \$ 47,543.30
- D. Payroll \$ 5,257.38
- E. Brian Swedzinski Council Pay \$ 769.70
- F. Bank Statements –June Bank Statements reconciled.

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

Reports/Requests

Fire Department – FEMA grant correspondence sounds promising, expecting to hear back from them by next month.

Fire Responder – N/A

Director Guetter stated the water tower issues had been resolved. A new solenoid had to be replaced which took care of the issue. Director Guetter stated that HydroFlow may have to come back if we run into issues again to clean out a bladder, there was a sand screen that hadn't been cleaned in awhile but was cleaned at the time of repair. Mayor Kolander asked about the sump hole having water in it still, Mayor Kolander also asked to have the sump hose moved so that the water wasn't just being recycled into the Lincoln Pipestone hole. Director Guetter will take care of the hose.

Director Guetter stated he had been spraying weeds and getting his bearings.

Councilman Rathman would like the mound of mulch spread out at the park and evened out. Director Guetter will take care of that. Councilman Rathman wanted to reiterate the use of proper chemicals on the park sand that is same for kids.

Councilman Rathman would like Clerk Guetter to call REC to have the light pole on Broadway and Front St to have the bulb replaced due to the light being out.

Councilman Rathman stated that there was a drain on Broadway and Centre St that has a hole in it, he would like Director Guetter to make his best judgement on repairing the drain. Councilman Kolander agreed it was overdue to be fixed or replaced.

Mayor Kolander asked where we were regarding the crosswalk stripping. Clerk Guetter will reach out to Jamie Larson with the County and see where he and Tim left it. Mayor Kolander stated that it would be appropriate to have the crosswalks painted both north and south as well as east and west on the corner of Centre St and Broadway.

Councilwoman Taylor asked about a flagpole for in front of the Community Center, Clerk Guetter stated that we do have one, it just needs to be installed. Clerk Guetter was instructed to order a conversion kit for the flagpole to be able to raise and lower the flag.

The Council would like a sign for the city dump made.

Clerk Guetter stated that Dwane with People Service would like to change our testing lab from MVTL to UC Labs, it is much less drive time and People Service's gets a discount with UC Labs. The Council agreed that it would same time and money to switch to UC Labs, Clerk Guetter will let Dwane know.

Clerk Guetter stated there were a few accounts that were delinquent, and the tax assessment letters would be sent out.

Clerk Guetter asked the Council about BCBS coverage and whether it was an issue with Daren and I being on the same plan for deductible purposes. Councilwoman Samyn wanted to know whether it was an embedded or unembedded deductible, Clerk Guetter was unsure but will look into it.

OLD BUSINESS

People Service Contract was reviewed. A motion to stick with the hourly contract we currently have was made by Councilman Kolander, seconded by Councilwoman Samyn, motion passes unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Two bids were reviewed for lift station cleaning. Empire came in at \$2,185.00 and Nelson Sanitation came in at \$1960.00. Councilman Kolander made a motion to approve Nelson Sanitation bid, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor, motion passes unanimously.

Clerk Guetter provided information for Taylor Farms Grant Opportunity and has been working with Chief Welch to get bids to apply for the grant. The grant would likely be applied for new grain bin extraction equipment.

A motion to approve Warren Kolander building permit was made by Councilwoman Samyn, seconded by Councilman Rathman, motion passes unanimously. Councilman Kolander and Mayor Kolander abstained.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm, was made by Councilwoman Samyn, seconded by Councilman Kolander, 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