

March 12, 2024

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

Staff Present: Director Dhoore and Clerk Guetter

Visitors Present: Allan Eischens, Amanda & Quinn Zwetzig, Durham Snider

General Inquires/Complaints

Durham Snider came in to speak on his wife Tina's behalf, he stated that Clerk Guetter was supposed to sign up for a Tourism Grant to cover the cost to rent the building and never did. The Council stated they were not aware of any such grant, Clerk Guetter stated that any grant that is going to be applied for needs to be first approved at a formal council meeting, Clerk Guetter had never recalled a conversation with Tina involving a grant. Durham Snider was also upset because the communication between Clerk Guetter and Tina wasn't up to their expectations. The Council stated that moving forward all non-profits will sign a Community Center Agreement and pay a deposit.

Consent Agenda

- A. February 13, 2024 Minutes
- B. Bills & ACH \$ 10,727.27
- C. Payroll \$ 10,143.60
- D. Bank Statements –February bank statements – unreconciled.

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

Reports/Requests

Fire Department – Clerk Guetter asked on the Fire Departments behave to reapply for the radio grant that was previously applied for in 2023 without reward. Councilman Kolander motioned to approve the re-application for the radio grant, seconded by, Councilwoman Samyn motion passes unanimously.

Clerk Guetter stated that she had been working with Chief Welch regarding a \$15/section increase to the township contracts for year 2025. Councilman Kolander made a motion to accept the increase of \$15 per section in 2025, seconded by, Councilwoman Samyn motion passes unanimously.

First Responders – No Requests

Director Dhoore notified the Council that Brey would be here next month to get started on the drain on the corner of Elm and North St.

Director Dhoore stated that he would be going on a vacation May 27-31.

Mayor Kolander was wondering what the plan was regarding the water usage in the spring, Director Dhoore stated he only keeps the water level in the tower lower in the winter, but it goes up in the summer to allow for the extra usage. Director Dhoore stated that the alarm goes off when the water tower hits 25,000 gallons. Mayor Kolander is quite concerned about how we will work with Meadowland

and the City to make sure the water levels don't get too low. Working with Meadowland and possibly shutting off the water to the big tanks for the over night fillers would be a good idea.

Mayor Kolander asked Director Dhoore when the last time the hydrants were flushed, he stated it had been two years since the last flushing, the reason being the water shortage from Lincoln Pipestone.

Councilman Kolander asked that Director Dhoore finish pressure washing the rest of the building as it looks so good in the areas he had already done.

Mayor Kolander asked about his rejected bid for the safe. The bid was a sealed bid. No minimum was set at the time of posting. Clerk Guetter will get information regarding a city official bidding on the safe.

Clerk Guetter stated the Auditor would be giving her audit report at the April Meeting pending the PERA GASB Report.

Clerk Guetter reminded the Council of the Board of Equalization meeting in April.

Clerk Guetter asked to apply for the PNP Election Grant. Councilman Kolander made a motion to approve the application for the PNP Election Grant, seconded by Councilman Swedzinski, motion passes unanimously.

Clerk Guetter stated that the Legion would like to donate half the cost of the flagpole for the Community Center. The Council approved the purchase of a 25' telescoping flagpole for the Community Center.

Clerk Guetter asked if we could look into having a cleaning lady for the Community Center due to the volume of rentals and use. Due to the complaints the Council decided that having some ground rules or gym sign up times wouldn't be a bad idea. Council also decided it would be acceptable to lock the gym doors the day before an event being held in the facility to alleviate the balls in the gym.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

City Wide cleanup was discussed and Clerk Guetter will try to have it scheduled the first week of May like we have done in the past years.

Councilman Kolander made a motion to approve Quinn Zwetzig's building permit, seconded by, Councilman Swedzinski motion passes unanimously.

The rest of the Public Safety Aid will be allocated to the cost of the Radio Grant re-application.

Employee handbook addition for the Fire Department and personnel who don't fall under the regular employee handbook was reviewed. A motion to approve the policy was made by Councilman Kolander, seconded by, Councilwoman Samyn motion passes unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm, 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