

November 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 Councilwoman Taylor and Councilman Kolander. Councilwoman Samyn and Councilman Rathman were absent.

Staff Present: Clerk Guetter Director Guetter

Visitors Present: David Widman, Travis Welch, Jason Kramer, Ben Jahn

General Inquires/Complaints

Consent Agenda

- A. October 8, 2024 Minutes
- B. Bills & ACH \$ 26,046.98
- C. Payroll \$ 13,890.22
- D. Bank Statements –September 2024 reconciled October bank statements – unreconciled.

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

Reports/Requests

Fire Department – David Widman was present to request an increase to the annual PERA benefit from \$900 to \$1100. A motion to approve the PERA increase was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Kolander, motion passes unanimously.

Fire Chief Welch stated they had been working on the SCBA's and went with Alex Apparatus to get those ordered with the FEMA Grant they were awarded. Fire Relief will pay the portion of the bill that the FEMA Grant will not cover.

Fire Chief Welch also stated they were working on the DNR 50/50 grant there were awarded and was pleased to announce that Clerk Guetter was able to secure the Taylor Family Farms grant dollars in the total of \$1800 for the hose tester, the Fire Relief also will pay the other 50% of the cost required by the grant.

Fire Chief Welch stated that with the extra invoices Clerk Guetter submitted the Fire Department was able to get an additional \$350.00 in training reimbursement, which also increased the Fire Department training reimbursement awards for 2025 to \$4505 from \$3850 in 2024.

Fire Responder – Clerk Guetter mentioned that the First Responders would like to invest more money with their CD's. Clerk Guetter gave the options that First Independent bank currently, a motion to add \$50,000 to the \$31,979.00 and put into a 24-month variable rate CD was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Kolander, motion passes unanimously.

Director Guetter stated there was a lot "stuff" in the cold storage shed wondering what he could do with it to get it cleaned up and better usable. The Council said to go through the building, sell what we can on the Public Surplus, dispose of the rest.

Director Guetter will check the Christmas lights and if they still work hang them up this year.

Director Guetter stated that Brey Tiling wouldn't be able to get to the drain in front of Krause's done until next spring. The drain for the west side is sitting in the cold storage building.

Director Guetter has the truck over in Echo having the tires replaced. Director Guetter is getting stuff ready for the winter snow falls.

Mayor Kolander would like the burn pile burnt, Director Guetter was going to wait until the snow flew.

Clerk Guetter stated she had developed a much simpler building permit and moving forward she would like to use this one instead of the old one.

Clerk Guetter stated that a budget meeting should be set for December and the Council agreed to have Clerk Guetter get something set up with the current members and to invite the new members of the Council.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to approve Resolution 2024-19 Assessing Taxes was made by Councilman Kolander, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor, motion passes unanimously.

A motion to approve Resolution 2024-20 Canvassing Election Results was made by Councilman Kolander, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor, motion passes unanimously.

A motion to allow Shari Jenniges to remove the sidewalk in front of her house was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Kolander, motion passes unanimously.

A motion to wait the LMCIT Tort waiver was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Kolander, motion passes unanimously.

Discussion was had regarding the insurance on the Community Center, tabled until December meeting.

Sewer rates were discussed, tabled until next month.

A motion to accept the Taylor Family Farms Grant was made by Councilman Kolander, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor, motion passes unanimously.

A motion to approve the bid from Quality Flow to replace the pump for the ball park lift station was made by Councilman Kolander, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor, motion passes unanimously.

A quote for skid loader tires was submitted by Director Guetter, the Council agreed it was a maintenance on equipment and agreed to purchase new tires.

A Stormwater Ordinance draft was submitted to the Council, the Council would like Clerk Guetter to talk with the County to see about a special assessment of our property taxes.

Clerk Guetter requested a change to BCBS plan for 2025, the plan would be less costly to the City. Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve the BCBS plan 632 for 2025, seconded by Councilman Kolander, motion passes unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm, was made by Councilwoman Taylor, 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