

October 8, 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, Councilman Rathman, and Councilwoman Samyn. Councilman Kolander was absent.

Staff Present: Clerk Guetter Director Guetter

Visitors Present: Cindy Jensen and Lon Walling

### **General Inquires/Complaints**

Cindy Jensen was in asking that the council reconsider assessing her taxes for past due water bill on her Broadways St. property. Cindy has agreed to have the bill paid in full within two weeks of the meeting. The Council will hear from Clerk Guetter at the November council meeting and if no payments have been made the Resolution will move forward to assess Ms. Jensen's property. Cindy stated the checks should have been put on both accounts, Clerk Guetter stated the account number on the checks was the home address.

Lon Walling asked what the preliminary levy was set for 2025. The proposed increase was 5%.

### **Consent Agenda**

- A. September 10, 2024 Minutes
- B. Bills & ACH \$ 25,827.05
- C. Payroll \$ 9,357.76
- D. Bank Statements –September 2024 unreconciled
- E. Quarter 3 2024 Reporting and Taxes paid. \$1,816.00

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilwoman Taylor pending the correction to the second by on the Old Business that was missed, seconded by Councilwoman Samyn, motion passed unanimously.

### **Reports/Requests**

Fire Department – N/A

Fire Responder – Clerk Guetter spoke on Jeremy Krause's behalf stating that he would like to hire a new first responder Amanda Krause. Councilman Kolander made a motion to approve performing a background check of Amanda Krause to determine employment eligibility, seconded by Councilman Rathman, motion passes unanimously.

Director Guetter notified the Council that he has been busy with locates with the Arvig fiber project but that the project is ending.

Director Guetter has been working with People Service to get the fall discharge done. The ponds have passed the requirements set by MDH.

Mayor Kolander commented that the sediment pond looks nicer since the trees had been cut down.

Director Guetter removed the old BBQ pit from the park that had been broken for a while.

Director Guetter stated that Adam Krause was still willing to help with snow removal this winter. There was an inquiry to help with snow removal, Director Guetter isn't sure what he will need yet.

Mayor Kolander asked about the drain by Krause's and when Brey was coming. Director Guetter wasn't aware of this project but will follow up with Brey Tiling to see when it will be fixed.

Director Guetter stated that the truck still hadn't had the new tires put on that had been approved last year, the Council stated get the tires where you feel comfortable. Director Guetter also noted that the skid loader tires usually have two sets the summer set and winter set, the winter set is now on as the summer tires are no longer of use due to deterioration.

Director Guetter received the report back from the lift stations, one pump is failing, quality flow recommended replacement. A bid was included in the packet. Director Guetter will get more information from Quality Flow.

Director Guetter submitted a bid for a manhole lifter.

Clerk Guetter stated Mike Petree from the church had made written agreement to take care of the ordinances that he was in violation of. There is pending court hearings with the owner of the property Richard Prafke and Mike Petree is also still going to court for this.

Clerk Guetter submitted the BCBS renewal prices, Clerk Guetter is still going to do some checking with Fuhr insurance regarding the plan.

Clerk Guetter stated Jacob Williamson talked to the county about installing a holding tank septic system and that it was allowed. The City Council stated Jacob Williamson would have to get that in writing from the county and know exactly what type of septic system he would like to put in before the Council would approve the building permit.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

A motion to approve Adam Krause's building permit was made by Councilwoman Samyn, seconded

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 2024-19 was tabled until next month.

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

A motion to approve Jeff Maasch's building permit was made by Councilman Rathman, seconded by Councilman Kolander, motion passes unanimously.

Clerk Guetter presented a complaint of a dog bite in town, Clerk Guetter stated that at the time of the bite the dog was not licensed with the City and later found that the dog also wasn't vaccinated. Furthermore, Clerk Guetter stated that the owners were not in compliance with several codes, having too many dogs, unlicensed dogs, unvaccinated. Clerk Guetter did note that since the incident the owners of the dogs have licensed and vaccinated their animals but are still out of compliance with four dogs. Due to our City Code the Council has determined the dog who has bitten another individual is now

declared a dangerous dog and notify the owners. The Council would like to see this dog removed from town. Clerk Guetter will get the letter out to the owner.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm, was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Samyn, 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.

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Honorable Mayor, Warren Kolander

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Brooke Guetter, City Clerk/Treasurer