

September 10, 2024

The Vesta City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm 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: Shannon Marotzke, Allan Eischens, Ben Jahn, Grady Holtberg

General Inquires/Complaints

Shannon Marotzke was present to ask for a reduced rate for office rental. A motion to approve her request of \$100 plus \$32 for internet was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Samyn, motion passes unanimously.

Grady Holtberg was present to introduce himself as the Redwood Falls new EDA Development Coordinator.

Ben Jahn stated that it was alarming that the vesta website didn't have the current audit reports listed along with the new councilmembers. Clerk Guetter will get the website updated.

Consent Agenda

- A. August 12, 2024 Minutes
- B. Bills & ACH \$ 15,251.83
- C. Payroll \$ 9,288.13
- D. Bank Statements –July and August Bank Statements both reconciled.

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

Reports/Requests

Fire Department – Clerk Guetter stated that the Fire Department was awarded the FEMA grant they had applied for in the total of \$159,238.09, along with being rewarded the DNR Grant. The Fire Department was also awarded an additional \$350.00 for training in a redistribution of funds from the state.

Fire Responder – N/A

Director Guetter stated he was waiting on the Lift Station report, they were tested, one of the pumps is pretty new and one is old, the ponds were testing high on TSS and he was working with People Service to get that under control to meet the September discharge deadline. People Service had recommended a algaecide to help get the TSS under control. Director Guetter ordered some dye to in the hopes to better understand how the ponds and the valves are working.

Director Guetter stated he had been working on filling potholes and sweeping streets. The grate on the corner of Broadway and Centre Street has been repaired. Councilman Rathman said he thought the grate looked good for now, however, to still look into a company that sells drain covers.

Mayor Kolander would like Director Guetter to look at getting more sand put into the park playground.

Councilman Rathman questioned Mayor Kolander on whether he would like to amend his building permit that he submitted, Councilman Rathman was concerned with the cost of the project. Clerk Guetter stated how the pricing for building permits were tiered, but that it's important to have an accurate building permit as well.

Clerk Guetter asked where the flagpole should be located before installation, it was decided that it should go in the rocks next to the building between the city sign and the message board.

Clerk Guetter stated there was a request to use a fire hydrant for a residential use, the Council decided that it would be setting a precedence and wouldn't allow the request.

Clerk Guetter mentioned the 125th celebration and for the Council to consider whether or not they would be contributing to the celebration and what they would be willing to contribute. Nothing was decided at this time.

Clerk Guetter reached out to UCAP regarding the funds the City has received back from the last housing grant and Jeff Gladis from UCAP said it would be best just to hold onto those funds for now, at a later date we could look at opening up a new housing grant.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to approve Brey tiling's bill from the Meadowland curb stop was made by Councilman Rathman, seconded by Councilwoman Samyn, motion passes unanimously.

A motion to prepay 7,000 gallons of propane was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Samyn, motion passes unanimously.

Clerk Guetter provided the Council with CD Renewal options for the CD coming due. The four options were evaluated. A motion to put the balance into a seven-month CD with an interest rate of 4.5% was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Samyn, motion passes unanimously.

A motion to approve Resolution 2024-16 Accepting donations was made by Councilwoman Samyn, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor, motion passes unanimously.

A motion to approve Resolution 2024-17 Accepting Donations was made by Councilman Rathman, seconded by Councilwoman Samyn, motion passes unanimously.

A motion to approve Resolution 2024-18 Approving Preliminary Tax Levy Collectible in 2025 was made by Councilman Rathman, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor, motion passes unanimously.

A motion to approve Buck's Striping Bid was made by Councilwoman Samyn, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor, motion passes unanimously.

The sidewalk to the fitness center door was discussed, the Council would like to have bids reviewed at the next meeting or before in the hopes to get the project done before the year is over.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm, was made by Councilwoman Samyn, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor, 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