VILLISCA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020 AT 5:30 PM COMMUNITY BUILDING

The meeting of the Villisca City Council was held June 17, 2020.   In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this meeting of the Villisca City Council had an electronic option.  Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code does permit an electronic meeting where all members participate remotely when an in-person meeting is impossible or impractical, which is certainly true during this crisis.  On March 19, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency which included a suspension of Iowa laws that would prevent the use of electronic meetings or the limitation on the number of people present at an in-person meeting site.

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. June 17th by Mayor Halda with the following roll call:

 PRESENT: Casey, Haidsiak, Narup, and Shepherd ABSENT: Gaunt

Also present: City Clerk-Kadee Myers, Public Works Director Chad James, City Attorney James Varley, and Austin Smith.

Motion Haidsiak second Shepherd and unanimous vote to approve the agenda

Ayes: Haidsiak, Casey, Shepherd, and Narup Nays: None

Motion Haidsiak second Casey and unanimous vote to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda including past minutes, report of receipts and disbursements, Clerk, VMPP, and Sheriff Reports were reviewed by copy.

Bills were approved for payment by signature on June 17, 2020.

Utility Billing and Bank Reconciliation were approved by signature on June 17, 2020.

Motion Shepherd second Casey to set Public Hearing for the CDBG funds for the Villisca Food Programs on July 15th at 5:30 pm at the Villisca Community Building. Ayes: Haidsiak, Casey, Shepherd, and Narup Nays: None

Motion Haidsiak second Casey to approve Resolution 20-06-02, Transfer of Funds. Ayes: Haidsiak, Casey, Shepherd, and Narup Nays: None

WHEREAS: The City Council of the City of Villisca has agreed to the transfer of $90,440 Local Option Sales Tax to help cover the debt service payment for the wastewater project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Villisca that the effective date would be June 17, 2020.

 Passed and approved this 17th day of June 2020.

Roll Call: Haidsiak, Casey, Shepherd, and Narup

The Council had a brief discussion on selecting a housing committee for the CDBG Housing Grant. SWIPCO recommended that at least 5 residents serve on the committee and that it does not include the Council or Mayor. Motion Haidsiak second Shepherd to approve the list presented to Clerk Myers for the housing committee upon resident’s acceptance. Ayes: Haidsiak, Casey, Shepherd, and Narup Nays: None

Shawna Silvas entered at 5:41 pm.

Narup presented to the Council his ideas on going after vacant homes. He would like the City to go after the homes before they become a lost cause. He would like to outline specific procedures that would be followed with step by step guidelines. There was some discussion on our current ordinances and what changes would need to be made. It was agreed that Narup and Myers will survey the City and create a list of these properties.

After a brief discussion it was agreed to not make any changes to the firework ordinance this year, we will follow the Iowa law.

Motion Haidsiak second Narup to approve the Street Closure on July 2nd. The street of 3rd Ave will be closed from South of Kendrick and Heard to 8th Street from noon till the horse pulls are over. Ayes: Haidsiak, Casey, Shepherd, and Narup Nays: None

After a discussion on economics, budget, and the current pandemic, motion Narup second Shepherd to approve a 3% raise for the City employees effective FY2021. Ayes: Haidsiak, Shepherd, and Narup Nays: Casey

Motion Haidsiak second Narup to approve removing the well project from the CDBG Water Project grant. Ayes: Haidsiak, Casey, Shepherd, and Narup Nays: None Austin supports the decision and will move forward with submitted the permits.

The City will be reapplying for the CDBG Water Project Grant, motion Narup second Haidsiak to set the Public Hearing for June 29th at 10 am at the Villisca City Hall.

Shawna Silvas gave the MCDC update. Villisca received the food grant, the work session is scheduled for Friday, July 10th, she is working with Jim Thompson on an enhanced grant, going to have company come in and work on retail strategies to help with our county down towns, and county trials are being worked on again. SIlvas suggest we work with Red Oak on how they are handling abandoned homes.

Martha gave the library report. She has started the summer reading program via Zoom, would still like to have the water fight at the end of summers. Bridges usage continues to climb, and she has removed the aquaponics.

Motion Casey second Haidsiak to approve the purchase agreement with Oak Tree Properties. Ayes: Haidsiak, Casey, Shepherd, and Narup Nays: None

Varley gave updates on the dog case, abandoned properties, the mobile home, and the heavy equipment issues.

James presented to the Council his updates. They are working on getting caught back up. They pulled the pump and motor at the pool to have it serviced and over hauled. There is several ash trees in town that need to come down and they are working on cleaning up properties.

COVID-19 discussion was held on the community building. The Council agreed to reopen for rental on July 6th with new guidelines in place.

Myers let the Council know they are having the playground equipment in the parked professionally cleaned and sanitized at the beginning of every month.

There was no other business.

Mayor/Council Comments – Haidsiak let the Council know about the bike ride that will be in town at the end of the month. Casey asked if there were any updates on the building north of City Hall, and Narup suggests we look at other options to tear the building down.

No public comments

Motion Haidsiak second Shepherd to adjourn at 637 pm.

Next regular City Council meeting is July 15th at 5:30pm at the Villisca Community Building.

Attest:

 Kadee Myers, City Clerk Marilyn Halda, Mayor

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| JUNE CLAIMS REPORT |   |   |
| VENDOR | REFERENCE  | AMOUNT |
| ACCESS SYSTEMS  | copier  | 127.56 |
| ACCO  | chemicals  | 1,143.74 |
| ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS  | benefits  | 24.5 |
| ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS  | benefits  | 1,034.20 |
| AFLAC  | AFLAC-PRETAX  | 140.28 |
| Alliant Energy  | NATURAL GAS  | 248.17 |
| AMAZON  | books  | 982.75 |
| AMERICAN FIRE PROTECTION  | fire exting inspection  | 80 |
| AVESIS  | VISION FAMILY  | 72.84 |
| BUSINESS RADIO LICENSING  | licensing  | 95 |
| calhoun-burns and associates  | design  | 2,305.55 |
| CARD SERVICES - VISA  | books  | 109.56 |
| CHAT MOBILITY  | cell service  | 128.23 |
| CINDY WHALEY  | clothing allowance  | 71.07 |
| CLARINDA REGIONAL  | tier services  | 330 |
| Dickel Duit Outdoor Power  | CHAIN SAW REPAIRS  | 117.89 |
| FARMERS MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO  | SERVICE  | 438.18 |
| IMWCA, WORKERS COMPENSATION  | work comp  | 7,602.00 |
| IPERS  | IPERS  | 2,968.73 |
| IRS - 941 DEPOSIT  | FED/FICA TAX  | 2,415.82 |
| IRS - 941 DEPOSIT  | FED/FICA TAX  | 2,298.57 |
| Keystone Laboratories, INC  | mustang67@iowatelecom.net  | 577 |
| CYNTHIA L STURM  | OFFICE SUPPLIES  | 83.17 |
| MATHESON TRI-GAS/LINWELD  | RENTAL ON TANK  | 283.42 |
| PAGE COUNTY LANDFILL ASSN  | recycling  | 400 |
| Postmaster  | MAIL BILLS/STAMPS  | 220 |
| RED OAK GLASS INC  | awning  | 1,250.45 |
| SOUTHWEST SANITATION, INC  | trash  | 57.5 |
| STONER DRUG/HONEYMAN  | supplies  | 31.27 |
| SOUTHWEST IOWA RURAL ELE  | utilities  | 12.09 |
| TERMINIX PROCESSING CENTER  | pest control  | 941 |
| Treasurer, State of Iowa  | STATE TAX  | 803 |
| Treasurer, State of Iowa  | MONTHLY SALES TAX  | 1,056.22 |
| Treasurer, State of Iowa  | MONTHLY SALES TAX  | 0.01 |
| UNITED FARMERS COOP  | DIESEL/GASOHOL  | 583.75 |
| UPS  | shipping  | 213.65 |
| DENNIS V FOSSON  | supplies  | 10.72 |
| VILLISCA COMMUNITY BETTERMENT  | r lewis donation  | 100 |
| VILLISCA POWER PLANT  | ELECTRIC  | 6,269.31 |
| VILLISCA REVIEW STANTON VIKING | publications  | 245.1 |
| Accounts Payable Total  |   | 35,872.30 |
| 600 | WATER  | 186.54 |
|   | Refund Checks Total  | 186.54 |
| Total Paid On: 5/22/20  |   | 7,779.66 |
| Total Paid On: 6/05/20  |   | 7,287.57 |
| Total Payroll Paid  |   | 15,067.23 |
| \*\*\*\*\* REPORT TOTAL \*\*\*\*\*  |   | 51,126.07 |