

August 19, 2024

The Remer City Council held their regular meeting August 19, 2024, 5:30 P.M. at the Remer City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Mark Gravelle, Dave Anderson, Diane Ammerman, Brandon Nelson and Katelyn Edstrom.

Pledge of Allegiance

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Mayor Gravelle called regular meeting to order at 5:32 P.M.

REPORTS

Dana Gutzmann- Cass Soil & Water Conservation District, discussed with the council the Upper Mississippi Grand Rapids Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. The city is interested in having stormwater analysis for the community.

Ms. Gutzmann reviewed Resolution Administration of Minnesota Wetlands Conservation Act of 1991. The city of Remer delegated their wetland authority to Cass County in 1992. Cass SWCD is now handling the wetland administration for Cass County. It is recommended that the city of Remer delegate their wetland authority to Cass SWCD.

Ammerman-Edstrom: Approved Resolution 8-1-24. A Resolution Regarding the Administration of Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act. All Approved.

Remer Area Chamber of Commerce, President Jon Karner presented two LG220 Application for Exempt Permit.

Edstrom-Anderson: Approved LG220 Application for Exempt Permit Remer Area Chamber of Commerce, bingo & raffle November 22, 2024, at The Source Community Center. All Approved.

Nelson-Ammerman: Approved LG220 Application for Exempt Permit Remer Area Chamber of Commerce, raffle December 20, 2024, at First National Bank. All Approved.

The Chamber, Library, City & CEDA are working on the Age friendly grant, Bigfoot statue possibly will arrive in September.

Remer Volunteer Fire Department, Kristian Myers Chef

RVFD 08/13/2024 Council Meeting Report

Zero calls In June! One call In July.

07/04/2024: Mutual aid in Hill City

Members: numbers are still low, but we've had two new guys showing up consistently the past several meetings.

Truck committee: Met with Scott from Custom Fire to begin preliminary build sheet on new engine. FireCatt: testing hose and ladders on July 23rd. All hose passed.

Storage container: Will begin construction of pad later this month.

Sourcewell: I submitted a Community Impact Grant request to Sourcewell on 8/5/2024. Looking to purchase new battery powered extrication tools and pneumatic lift bag set if funded.

Harvest Fest: Relief Association members administered parade line-up, we had trucks in parade and sold hamburgers/chips/pop from Woodland Insurance Parking lot as truck and equipment fund raiser.

Pancake breakfast: September 1. Already!

Training:

07/25/2024 Rural water tactics, portable pump drafting, engine operation. Graves Lake landing. In- house training.

08/21/2024: Rural water tactics, tender drafting, tender pump operations.

I am out of the country from 8/10 through 8/18. Assistant Chief, Nick Parent, is in charge.

For council review Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan Actuarial Valuation Report as of December 31, 2024, for the City of Remer Volunteer Fire Department.

Remer Municipal Liquor

Off Sale-

Steve Maeger monthly report

This summer has been busy. Monthly sales have been up. Will possibly hire another part time employee. We are giving away a Yeti Titos Vodka cooler, it has been posted on our Facebook page, waiting for delivery on new storage cabinet for over stock. We will be expanding our THC section as sales continue to increase. Kimmi will be working over the labor day weekend.

On Sale-

Rachel McKeig monthly report

Bigfoot Days was successful. We had the band inside due to rain. Business was still busy even with the rain. Donnie Wagner supplied the band and trailer for the event. Thank you, Due North.

Pull tab sales have been doing very well. We had an employee meeting Sunday June 3rd; we reviewed expectations and had a pull tab refresher with KC.

Mn Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Inspection Report for both On and Off Sale. No follow up inspection needed.

Have not received union contract for council approval. Councilmember Edstrom will contact union representative.

Maintenance Department, Tyler Seifert Supervisor-

MAINTENANCE DEPT MONTHLY REPORT

Mowing/trimming Started hauling class 5

Have been teaching Dylan the sampling and tracking for water & sewer Sprayed cracks in street- weed control

Meeting with Wellhead protection August 14 Swept street before Harvest

Festival

Assembled and delivered municipal liquor chairs and tables Replaced all chlorine lines and pumps

Ordered new recirc pump for water tower cold weather pump Serviced all mowers and equipment

Trap shoot Harvest Festival went well, a little low numbers of shooters, planning a team tournament this fall

Sourcewell matching grant- approved for city truck and plow, truck should be ready next week

Reviewed 2025 Industrial Avenue Improvements report from WSN.

Remer Volunteer Ambulance Department, Chief Diane Ammerman-

Emergency Ambulance Service Aid application has been submitted.

Chief Ammerman attended the Mn Ambulance Association meeting, at the meeting billing, insurance adjustments, PSA's, benefits EMS vs Firefighters, medical director involvement, Sourcewell boost & matching grants.

Taxing district yearly meeting had low attendance; the department mail out EMS ballot for proposed 2025 Levy.

Sourcewell boost grant for mattress and straps was approved.

Sourcewell matching grant for Can-Am, trailer, stretcher, DSC radios and skid was approved.

ISD 118- Multi courts completed.

Council-

Serenity Living Solutions sold to Vitality Healthcare Management.

Jessica from CEDA will have first impression report ready for next working meeting.

Cass County Ordinance No 2024-04 Short Term Rental Ordinance for council review.

Karvako email reviewing USDA requirements.

19 did in person voting at the August Primary Election.

Ammerman-Edstrom: Approved Consent Agenda. All Approved.

- 1. July 9 & August 5, 2024, Minutes**
- 2. Financials- June Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balance (Schedule 1), Receipts Register and Disbursements Register.**
- 3. Claims- 6/1-6/38/24 & 35809-36142 Total \$ 285,644.65**
- 4. Permits-None**
- 5. Regular meeting- Tuesday September 10, 2024- 5:30 PM @ City Hall
Working session- Tuesday September 3, 2024- 5:30 PM @ City Hall**

**Edstrom-Ammerman: Approved adjourning regular meeting @ 6:32 PM. All
Approved.**

Mark Gravelle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Blundell, Clerk