

November 13, 2024

The Remer City Council held their regular meeting November 13, 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 5:30 P.M.

REPORTS

Karvakko Engineering, Mike Karvakko reviewed with the city council water, wastewater and storm water Rural Economic Development loan and grant programs, predevelopment planning grants.

Maintenance Department, Tyler Seifert Supervisor

Mn Department of Health service line materials inventory notice.

MnDOT snow removal agreement 2024/2025

Leaf pickup went well.

2025 Airport grant submitted, for apron fence improvements, seed & grading runway.

Wastemangement proposal

Remer Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Kristian Myers

RVFD 11/12/24

Four calls in October

10/02 Clinic false alarm

10/09 Vehicle fire next to building

10/14 DG furnace fire

10/18 MVA on State 6 N

12/4 Business meeting: We will meet at Deer Haven for dinner and a quick meeting and facility tour followed by dinner/social time.

Fire Prevention: Twenty First graders visited the Hall 10/09. Prevention materials provided to all Pre-K through 6 grade classes as well. RAAS joining us again this year.

Halloween: Members brought two rigs to school, managed traffic, and handed out candy at Trunk-or-Treat again.

Extrication tools: Ordered. Should be delivered in a couple weeks. I was able to negotiate on "demo" tools at a reduced price and able to add in a mini cutting tool. I was able to get the batteries warranted "as new." Tools themselves have a "lifetime" warranty. Lisa has the check from Sourcewell already.

New Truck: Custom Fire rep called last week to discuss our timeline. He is putting together a preliminary price quote. Should have it in the next week or so.

DNR grant: still waiting for DNR to be funded and then for funds to be dispersed.

Cuyuna Range Fire Chiefs Association: Need 4 & 5 of revised/updated Cuyuna Range Fire Service Mutual Aid Agreement. Mayor and clerk need to sign.

Budget: 2025 preliminary budget is done. Looking for discussion and approval so I can get it and a letter out to townships next week. Mill Rate actually dropping due to valuations increasing and keeping operating expenses as low as possible. Raising truck levy to \$45k (\$40k last year). Relief Benefits remain the same.

Training: 11/20/2024. Live Burn/Ventilation trailer.

Edstrom-Nelson: Approved 2025 Levy \$ 109,832.00. All Approved.

Cuyuna Range Fire Service Mutual Aid Agreement, Chief Myers will review and bring to December meeting for approval.

Woodland Insurance- Agent Kristian Myers will be working on property/casualty renewal application.

Remer Municipal Liquor

October financials and sales reviewed.

Off Sale Report

Deer opener was good, will do a tasting for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Deb will not be working this winter.

On Sale Report

Mike Miller played Friday of deer opener; sales were up from last year's opener. Inventory is good, and pull-tab sales have been good. New sweatshirts and crew are selling well. Halloween party on the 31st was a fantastic turnout. Sunday football sales are up compared to last year, beer bucket and tap beer specials during the game, snacks at half time. New hire is working out well.

Remer Volunteer Ambulance Department, Chief Diane Ammerman

Halloween had 3 calls.
Will have potluck in December.
4-wheeler sold for \$1,800.00 & snowmobile for \$ 1,885.00
Dutch Ammerman & Dave Thomas are drivers for the department, hardship variance will be renewed on December 21st. Working on a driver policy.
Cell phones removed from both rigs.
Scheduling guidelines updated for volunteers.

Remer Area Chamber of Commerce, President Jon Karner

None

Northland Lions, President Bob Stoeckel

None

ISD 118

None

Council

Discussed alley behind old fire hall, Andrew Shaw recommends the council vacate the northern half of the alleyway where adjacent to Lot 12. This will leave room around the structure and continued alley use.
Clerk will contact Mr. Shaw to move forward with vacation for property 95-337-0435.
Council reviewed and filled out CEDA priority list 1-10, these will be submitted to Jessica.

Sourcewell AscendRural pilot program, Katelyn Edstrom shared information with the school district.

Property closing scheduled for 11-15-24.

Ammerman-Anderson: Approved canvassing the votes for the City of Remer elections November 5, 2024.

Mayor 4 year term will be held by Mark Gravelle, 154 votes. City Council 2-4 year Terms will be held by Faye Zorman, 135 votes and Katelyn Edstrom, 97 votes.

Edstrom-Anderson: Approved

1. **October 8 & 10, 2024, Minutes**
2. **Financials- September & October Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balance (Schedule 1), Receipts Register and Disbursements Register.**
3. **Claims- 9/1-9/44/24, 10/1-10/43/24 & 35360-36597 Totaling \$ 427,068.25**
4. **Permits-None**
5. **Regular meeting- Tuesday December10, 2024- 5:30 PM @ City Hall
Working session- Monday December 2, 2024- 5:30 PM @ City Hall**

Nelson-Anderson: Approved adjourning regular meeting. All Approved.

Mark Gravelle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Blundell, Clerk