

November 14, 2023

The Remer City Council held their regular meeting November 14, 2023, 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 opened regular meeting @ 5:30 P.M.**

## **REPORTS**

Brian Buhmann, Cass County Health and Human Services discussed opioid settlement funds. Cass county has dollars available for communities from opioid settlement cases. Cass County Opioid Settlement Committee is seeking feedback from county communities on how to use the funds. Funds will go toward opioid abatement, education, training and access to Narcan.

Remer Area Chamber President John Karner reviewed upcoming chamber events- November 19 turkey bingo, December 15 Christmas crawl. Fence at the chamber playground.

Northland Lions, President Bob Stoeckl discussed forming a group for the bigfoot statue. Bob Stoeckl, Jon Karner & Marc Ruyak will head the committee. Lions will be selling wreaths in December.

Remer Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Kristian Myers

1. RVFD 11/14/2023 Report

### **Once Call in October:**

10/03: grass fire on Echo Hill

**695:** Working on quote and dates for outfitting with lights and radio with MidState Emergency Vehicle Services in Hibbing. Phil Olsen and Chief Myers have been in touch regarding equipment needs and timing of installation. Planning to have him come to our hall to do the work sometime this winter.

**Facility tour:** 11/1 meeting we toured the expanded Savannah Pallets buildings.

**Live burn:** Hill City burn cancelled. Working on another in Torrey Township with FIRE Inc.

**Halloween:** Three volunteers brought 692 and 693 to school, managed traffic, and handed out candy.

**Training: 11/15/2023:** Emergency vehicle driving. Will be using facility parking lots.

**Truck Committee:** Review proposed truck budget.

**Budget:** 2024 Operations, Long term truck/equipment, and pension budget review.

2. Donation from Remer Garden Club to both Remer Volunteer Fire Department & Remer Volunteer Ambulance Department each \$ 990.76.

**Anderson-Edstrom: Approved Remer Volunteer Fire Department 2024 budget \$ 104,432.00. All Approved.**

Woodland Insurance, Kristian Myers march renewal for property/casualty coverage through the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT).

#### Maintenance Department

1. Did street sweeping and clean up
2. Working with Lake Country Power on replacing & repairing streetlights
3. Graded roads
4. Will put up "No hunting" signs at airport
5. Letter on 2023 drought conditions update, MN DNR Randall Doneen, Conservation Assistance and Regulations Section manager/ Ecological & Water Resources.

#### Remer Municipal Liquor

1. On Sale Report

New Hire, Chris. We have new clothing people like.

Sold 31 pull tab games, Etab sales are good.

Free bingo on Tuesdays, Meat raffles Thursday & Saturday.

Sunday's game promos.

Live music on occasion, Mike Miller on deer opener and "Formerly Charles" the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of deer season and he will play once again in December

Remer Volunteer Ambulance Department, Chief Diane Ammerman

1. New rig delivery update
2. EMT refresher
3. Chief Ammerman contacted billing company on billing issues

City Council

1. Walkability checklist
2. Blandin Foundation grant of \$150,000.00 to the City of Remer to market and attract businesses and visitors to the Remer area in Itasca County.
3. Council will set up meeting with CEDA to discuss contract.
4. City clerk attended LMC zoom meetings-Fall Forum series.

**Ammerman-Anderson: Approved Consent Agenda. All Approved.**

1. **October 2 & 10, 2023, Minutes**
2. **Permits-None**
5. **Regular meeting- Tuesday December 12, 202- 5:30 PM @ City Hall**  
**Working session- Monday December 4, 2023- 5:30 PM @ City Hall**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Cell phone reimbursement guidelines policy.
2. Family Safety Network of Cass, Hubbard & Clearwater Counties letter asking to allocate a portion of city one-time 2023 public safety funds. The city will not donate.

**Nelson-Edstrom: Approved cell phone reimbursement guidelines, current rate \$65.00 month. All Approved.**

## **INFORMATION**

Region Five Development Commission meeting

Blake Bloyer RV and trailer letter

Minnesota Department of Administration State Historic Preservation Office, United States Forest Service, Remer District Ranger Station, 307 Main Street East Remer in the National Register of Historic Places.

**Anderson-Nelson: Approved adjourning regular meeting at 6:30 PM. All Approved.**

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Mark Gravelle, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Elizabeth Blundell, Clerk