

**REGULAR ROSEAU CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY – July 1, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.
ROSEAU CITY CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS
121 Center Street East Suite 201
Roseau, MN 56751**

The Regular monthly meeting of the Roseau City Council was held on the above date, time and place. Members present were, Mayor Jeff Pelowski, Councilmembers: Amy Bassingthwaite, Jane Evans and Brady Johnson Absent: Pat Novacek. Others present were, Community Development Coordinator Todd Peterson, City Superintendent David Drown, Police Chief Ward Anderson, Liquor Store Manager Linda Roseborough, City Attorney Michelle Moren, Clerk-Treasurer Beth Carlson, Jack Swanson – Wild 102 radio, Bruce Stone and Nate Broten-Roseau Disc Golf.

Mayor Jeff Pelowski called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Council member Amy Bassingthwaite motioned, Council member Brady Johnson seconded and it was carried by unanimous vote to approve the June 3, 2019 regular meeting minutes as written.

Council member Jane Evans motioned, Council member Brady Johnson seconded and it was carried by unanimous vote to approve the following Consent Agenda, as written

1. Presentation of Accounts Payable claims June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 Batch AP06302019.
CK# 66502-66589 = \$238,830.23
2. Presentation of daily checks June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019
CK# 66433-66501 = \$134,366.42
E# 1479-1519 = \$380,196.23
PR 06/15/19 = \$36,803.70
PR 06/17/19 = \$479.67
PR 06/30/19 = \$47,015.29
3. Presentation of Receipt entries May 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019.
4. Presentation of Journal entries JE043019.
5. Audit Committee review of April 2019 General Ledger checks written compared with images on the bank statement.
6. Notices and Communications –
Upcoming scheduled meetings:
 - a. August 5, 2019 Regular council meeting at 5:00 p.m.
7. Approve the use of alcohol in the Community Center
 - a. Roseau River Deer Hunters – Changed date from October 7 to October 14, 2019.
8. Investment–Roseau EDA Hi Fi as of 06/25/2019 is \$145,470.12
9. Cash in bank-Regular checking as of 06/25/2019 is \$2,716,452.23.
10. Investment-Regular Hi Fi as of 06/25/2019 is \$1,557,559.69.
11. Investment Certificate of Deposit as of 06/25/2019 is \$804,832.79
12. Investment Certificate of Deposit as of 06/25/2019 is \$800,361.38.
13. Investment Certificate of Deposit as of 06/25/2019 is \$795,119.03.

- 14. Investment Certificate of Deposit as of 06/25/2019 is \$795,099.90.
- 15. Investment-Roseau EDA Money Market as of 06/25/2019 is \$272,305.54.
- 16. Cash in bank-Roseau EDA as of 06/25/2019 is \$684.37.
- 17. Roseau Promotions Director Report
- 18. Crazy Days Street Closing
- 19.

RESOLUTION NO. 28-19
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION

WHEREAS, the general public has presented to the City of Roseau, \$22 dollars in donations, and have designated that these donations be deposited in the City of Roseau Riverview Park Gazebo Concert Fund.

WHEREAS, the City Council is appreciative of the donations and commends them for their civic efforts,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE City Council of the City of Roseau, Minnesota;

- 1. That the donations are accepted and acknowledged with gratitude, and
- 2. That the donations will be allocated to the Riverview Park Gazebo Concerts.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Roseau, Minnesota this 1st day of July, 2019.

By: _____
Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk/Treasurer

20.

RESOLUTION NO. 29-19
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT

WHEREAS, the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council has presented to the City of Roseau, a grant of \$1,350.00, and has designated that this grant be deposited in the City of Roseau Riverview Park Gazebo Concert Fund.

WHEREAS, the City Council is appreciative of the grant and commends them for their civic efforts,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE City Council of the City of Roseau, Minnesota;

- 1. That the grant is accepted and acknowledged with gratitude, and
- 2. That the grant will be allocated to the Riverview Park Gazebo Concerts.

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Mayor

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Clerk/Treasurer

21. June 2019 Roseau Liquor Store monthly sales report
22. June 2019 City Revenues & Expenditures report

Delegations

Council member Jane Evans informed council that Polaris is planning its 65th Anniversary Celebration. The celebration will start Friday evening, August 16th and run all day Saturday, August 17th.

Plans are in progress for:

- a pancake breakfast,
- a parade (11am to noon),
- tours of the Polaris plant,
- Experience Center tours,
- at the Arena there will be vintage Polaris machines displayed (racers will be there to autograph), as well as a cupcake/coffee reception
- at the south end of the fairgrounds, a kids ATV course with straw bales will be set up as well as virtual ATV, Matraks will be there, as well as bouncy houses among other fun things. (There is a horse show going on the same day on the north end of the fair grounds.)
- A street dance is scheduled from 8pm to midnight. The legion will serve the alcohol and will block off the Legion parking lot and surrounding streets.

Council member Evans asked for council approval for the parade and street dance.

After discussion, Mayor Jeff Pelowski motioned, Council member Amy Bassingthwaite seconded, and it was carried by majority vote to approve the parade and street dance for the Polaris 65th Anniversary Celebration, and to authorize City Personnel to assist in the event. Council member Jane Evans abstained.

Nate Broten representing Roseau Disc Golf at the city park informed council that they have expanded from the current 9 basket course to an 18 basket course as they were able to raise donations to purchase 9 more baskets. Mr. Broten has mowed the long grass by the diversion ditch and bike path down to 5 inches and is requesting the City do routine mowing of the areas they are opened up. City Superintendent stated that the City Crew will keep the areas mowed that Mr. Broten opens up for the Disc Golf course.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission –

CDC Todd Peterson reviewed the Planning Commission minutes from June 24, 2019.

- Officer Manka provided the Planning Commission an update on efforts with the clean-up report. It was suggested that Officer Manka get clerical assistance in getting the letters completed more quickly, this will also give Officer Manka more time for enforcement.

Two citations and twenty letters have been issued. Officer Manka informed the Planning Commission that there has been some compliance.

- CDC Peterson then presented to council the inspection report he received from Mr. Brad Bail of Indepth Inspections, dated June 27th, 2019. Mr. Bail inspected the two properties the City had ordered building inspections on, to determine their structural safety and overall condition.

Mr. Bail did not find anything to indicate that the building at 107 3rd Street NW was in “imminent danger of a major structural failure, or that the building was unsafe to occupy.” There are several issues that should be repaired or replaced. The stucco coating on the upper level and the stone face on the lower level are showing signs of failure and significant areas have already failed. “As this material falls off the building, it has the potential to cause injury to pedestrians walking on the public sidewalk or cause tripping hazards from the loose material. The windows on the second level are also showing signs of damage.” If these continue to fail without repairs there is the risk of windows or glass panes falling from the building on pedestrians walking on the public sidewalks by falling debris. Br. Bail did not gain entry to the building, so he did not look or examine the building from the inside.

Mr. Bail found several structural issues with the home at 303 Center Street East. Mr. Bail stated “The eaves and roof lines show signs of movement which could be signs of the foundation or other structural elements of the home moving relative to the other parts.” The porch area should be marked as unsafe for human occupation and barriers constructed to limit the possibility of someone getting injured. “At this point the home could be saved but would need some significant repairs to get it back into livable shape.” Mr. Bail contacted the real estate agent but was not able to gain access to the inside of the home the day he was there as the real estate agent had prior commitments.

CDC Peterson stated that the house on 303 Center Street East has not been removed from the flood plain and will be hard to sell or fix up. The lot has more value to the City if it can be reused rather than going into public ownership, and public ownership would happen if the City used the DNR buyout bonding funds to cover 50% of the cost. Pat Lynch of MN DNR informed CDC Peterson, there are times the DNR has funds available that do not include bonding funds. Mr. Lynch will let CDC Peterson know if nonbonding funds become available, but it is unlikely.

CDC Peterson asked council how they wanted to proceed on the buildings at 107 3rd Street NW and 303 Center Street East.

It was council consensus to have CDC Peterson negotiate with the property owners of 303 Center Street East and bring the results back to the August council meeting.

After discussion, Council member Jane Evans motioned, Council member Amy Bassingthwaite seconded and it was carried by unanimous vote to start the abatement process on 107 3rd Street NW and to set the Public Hearing for September 9, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

- The former Evergreen Motel site had until the end of June to be cleaned up before the City may take action on its abatement order.

CDC Peterson received an email from Tom and Keith Pringle dated July 1, 2019 stating that the lots at the old Evergreen site are being cleaned up today by the new owner, Steve Bouton (the real estate deal closes on July 15). Mr. Bouton has a construction company coming to dig out the basement and haul in fill, either July 1 or 2. The Pringle email also stated the lot on Center Street is also under contract.

CDC Peterson called Steve Bouton to confirm his intent to purchase the property. Mr. Bouton had not returned CDC persons call as of this meeting. City Attorney Moren will ask Mr. Bouton to sign a consent letter to the existing abatement, so the process can continue if the lots are not cleaned up.

- The Architectural Design Control Board held a Public Hearing June 24, 2019 on a house moving permit application from Mr. David Ulvin. Mr. Ulvin has since withdrawn his request to relocate the house currently at 408 6th Street NE to 1000 2nd Avenue SW (Lot 1, Block 6, Oak Crest West Subdivision). Instead Mr. Ulvin is requesting to put the house on a vacant lot at 404 Center Street.

In order to save time, so the house can still be relocated this summer, CDC Peterson asked Council to set a Public Hearing to be held during the Planning Commission meeting July 29, 2019.

After discussion, Council member Amy Bassingthwaite motioned, Council member Brady Johnson seconded and it was carried by unanimous vote to set a Public Hearing for July 29, 2019 at 12:30 pm during the Planning Commission meeting.

Roseau County Commissioner

County Commissioner Jack Swanson was present but did not share any new business.

Operations Committee – CDC Peterson stated that the operations committee met briefly on a wage issue.

Oakcrest Golf Course – Council member Evans and Council member Johnson both stated that the golf course is in good shape.

Airport Committee

The airport committee did not meet.

CDC Peterson presented to council the bid opening from Monday, June 24, 2019.

- Roseau Municipal Airport Bid Opening AIP #3-27-0085-012-2019
The first part of this project is to relocate the apron area, construct taxi lane, demolish hangar and rehabilitate the airfield electrical system. There were two bids. Agassiz

Asphalt's bid was \$2,274,112.50. Gladen Construction's bid was \$3,131,997.90 and the engineers estimate was \$2,787,732.00. Agassiz Asphalt was the low bid and it was \$513,619.50 under the engineers estimate. CDC Peterson recommended council award the bid to Agassiz Asphalt.

After discussion, Council member Amy Bassingthwaite motioned, Council member Jane Evans seconded, and it was carried by unanimous vote to award the bid to Agassiz Asphalt who had to low bid of \$2,274,112.50.

RESOLUTION 30-19

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to advertisement for bids and for the, City of Roseau, Roseau Municipal Airport, bid opening AIP #3-27-0085-012-2019, Part 1, the following Base Bids and Alternate Combined bid amounts were received:

Agassiz Asphalt.....	\$ 2,274,112.50
Gladen Construction.....	\$ 3,131,997.90
Engineers Estimate.....	\$ 2,787,732.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Base Bids and Alternate Combined bid amounts from Agassiz Asphalt in the amount of \$2,274,112.50 be accepted.

Adopted by the City Council, of the City of Roseau, Minnesota, this 1st day of July, 2019.

By: _____
Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk/Treasurer

A second bid opening was held for the Crack seal, Seal coat and re-mark RW 16/34 and taxiways. There were two bids. ASTECH Corp's bid was \$314,983.68, Fahrner Asphalt Sealers bid was \$361,916.40, and the engineers estimate was \$320,220.80. ASTECH Corp had the low bid and it was \$5,237.12 under the engineers estimate. CDC Peterson recommended council award the bid to ASTECH Corp.

After discussion, Council member Jane Evans motioned, Council member Amy Bassingthwaite seconded and it was carried by unanimous vote to award the bid to ASTECH Corp who had the low bid of \$314,983.68.

RESOLUTION 31-19

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to advertisement for bids and for the, City of Roseau, Roseau Municipal Airport, bid opening AIP #3-27-0085-012-2019, Part 2, the following Base Bid amounts were received:

ASTECH Corp.....\$ 314,983.68
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers.....\$ 361,916.40
Engineers Estimate.....\$ 320,220.80

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Base Bid amounts from ASTECH Corp in the amount of \$314,983.68 be accepted.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Roseau, Minnesota this 1st day of July, 2019.

By: _____
Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk/Treasurer

- CDC Peterson presented to council the 2019 Project Funding Breakdown associated with the 2019 projects.
- CDC Peterson presented to council the agreement with HDR Engineering to review the KLJ estimate and asked for council to authorize the Independent Fee Estimate for Apron Construction Observation Contract HDR and approve the lump sum payment of \$3,000.00 for HDR’s services.

After discussion, Council member Amy Bassingthwaite motioned, seconded by Council member Brady Johnson and it was carried by unanimous vote to authorize the Independent Fee Estimate for Apron Construction Observation Contract HDR, to review the KLJ estimate, and approve the lump sum payment of \$3,000.00 for HDR’s services.

RESOLUTION 32-19

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council , of the City of Roseau, approve the agreement with HDR Engineering to review the KLJ estimate and authorize the Independent Fee Estimate for Apron Construction Observation Contract HDR and the lump sum payment of \$3,000.00 for HDR’s services.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Roseau, Minnesota this 1st day of July, 2019.

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Mayor

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- As HDR Engineering independently reviewed KLJ's estimate and found it to be reasonable. CDC Peterson asked for council to approve KLJ's estimate of the crackseal and apron projects.

After discussion, Council member Amy Bassingthwaite motioned, Council member Brady Johnson seconded and it carried by unanimous vote to approve KLJ's estimate of the crack seal and apron projects.

- KLJ will complete the grant applications for the Crack seal/Seal Coat and Apron Area Relocation once bids are received. CDC Peterson asked for council approval to submit the grant applications.

After discussion, Council member Jane Evans motioned, Council member Amy Bassingthwaite seconded and it carried by unanimous vote to approve submission of the grant applications.

- CDC Peterson presented to council KLJ's Preliminary Opinion of Probable costs to construct the MASLF System.
The original estimate for the final airport approach lighting MASLF system was \$600,000. It recently cost Detroit Lakes \$800,000. It is now estimated that the MASLF system may cost one million dollars. CDC Peterson informed council that the state used to design the approach lighting system for nothing, but the state employee that used to do it has retired. The State may come up with more money, but currently they only programmed for the \$600,000. This increases the local share from \$150,000 up to \$250,000 as the state cost share is typically 75% CDC Peterson informed council the State said this is project has to be installed. This MASLF system is the reason why all of the other work had to be done at the airport, to prepare for this system. CDC Peterson stated that KLJ is preparing an estimate for the MALSF project so it has not gone out for bids yet. The MASLF is basically lights on constructed pads and lots of electronics.
- CDC Peterson presented to council the final Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) for council review.
- CDC Peterson presented to council the Airport Project status report from KLJ.

EDA

CDC Peterson informed council the EDA met on June 26th and nominated Kellie Roth from Polaris as the replacement for Cheri Losse.

CDC Peterson asked for Council to approve this appointment.

Council member Brady Johnson motioned, Council member Jane Evans seconded and it carried by unanimous vote to approve the appointment of Kellie Roth to the EDA replacing Cheri Losse.

CDC Peterson stated that other business discussed, was a loan offer for a building rehab that is not finalized.

Department Reports

Liquor Store

Liquor Store Manager Roseborough stated that the roof of the Liquor Store has had a leak. The roof did not leak during the rain Saturday but may need a more sustained rain to test the repairs that have been done to fix the leak.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Craig McMillin absent.

Police Department

Police Chief Ward Anderson asked for council approval to raise the rate for the Police Officer required for events at the City Center when alcohol is served, from \$25 per hour to \$50 per hour, as Chief Anderson is having trouble finding officers that are willing to cover those events.

After a lengthy discussion, Council member Amy Bassingthwaite motioned to raise the rate for the Police Officer required for events at the City Center when alcohol is served to \$35 per hour for any event booked after today, those parties that currently have signed contracts will remain \$25 per hour, Council member Jane Evans seconded the motion.

After further discussion, Council member Amy Bassingthwaite rescinded the motion until more information is gathered for the August council meeting.

Superintendent

Superintendent David Drown informed council that he attended a City/School meeting at which the following items were discussed:

- The trophy cases and paneling in the entrance and lobby of the Memorial Arena are in need of repairs. The trophy cases house the high school trophies so the school will cover the cost of the renovation of the trophy cases. The City of Roseau is the owner of the Memorial arena and, per the cost share agreement with the school, pays for 50% of repairs and renovations. The new wall coverings of prefinished hickory tongue and groove paneling and the cost to install it in the lobby and entrance is estimated at \$28,333.00. The City share will be approximately \$15,000. The renovations will start soon. Council member Jane Evans voiced concern that it will be good for Polaris days. City Superintendent assured Council member Evans that it would be.

After discussion, Council member Amy Bassingthwaite motioned, Council member Brady Johnson seconded, and it was carried by unanimous vote to approve the renovation to the lobby and entrance of the Memorial arena and the cost to the City of approximately \$15,000 for the City share.

RESOLUTION 33-19

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, of the City of Roseau, approve the renovation to the lobby and entrance of the Memorial arena and the cost to the City of approximately \$15,000 for the City share.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Roseau, Minnesota this 1st day of July, 2019.

By: _____
Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk/Treasurer

- Superintendent Drown informed council that the arena compressors will start July 15th for the hockey camps. The Hockey Association is holding tournaments after the camps, so the compressors will run continuously through to next spring. The City has an agreement with the Hockey Association so the Association will pay full cost for these times. The compressors have not run continuously this long before and Superintendent Drown said there is work to be done on the compressors before they start.

Superintendent Drown provided to council, information on Pixellot, “an unmanned multi-camera system in a single fixed rig.” This camera system will provide live webcasts for a \$5 fee to any one that accesses the webcast. The school has approved the installation in its arena. The Center Ice Club purchased the cameras for the Memorial Arena so it is not cost to the City. The City does not collect any gate fee and will not be collecting any money from this camera system either.

It was council consensus to authorize the installation of the Pixellot cameras in the Memorial Arena.

City Attorney

City Attorney Michelle Moren presented to council the proposed Ordinance 38 “open burning” policy. City Superintendent Drown and Police Chief Anderson have reviewed it, so this is the revised version of it.

After discussion, Council member Jane Evans motioned, Council member Amy Bassingthwaite seconded and it was approved by unanimous vote to adopt Ordinance No. 38 (Third Series) “Open burn policy”

ORDINANCE NO. 38 (THIRD SERIES)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROSEAU, MINNESOTA, AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 93 ENTITLED “NUISANCES – OPEN BURNING”

The City Council of the City of Roseau, Minnesota, does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. That the City Code of the City of Roseau, Minnesota, Chapter 93 entitled “NUISANCES – OPEN BURNING” is hereby amended to read as follows:

§93.61 OPEN BURNING OF LEAVES

(A) *Burning permitted.* The open burning of leaves, branches and other vegetation material is hereby permitted with a burning permit issued by the City Police Department.

1. The issuance of a burning permit is subject to the following:

i. No burning shall take place during an air pollution alert, warning or emergency declared by the Pollution Control Agency and no person shall burn leaves, branches and other vegetative material on a city street or sidewalk.

ii. The wind cannot be in excess of 10 Miles per Hour.

(B) *Limit.* Fires must be kept under control. Owners and occupants burning fires will be held liable for all damages and costs caused by violations of this ordinance or violations of state law.

1. On weekdays (Monday – Friday) Open burning must take place after 5:00 PM, and must be extinguished before 7:00 AM the following day.

2. Open fires shall not be started, and must be immediately extinguished at any time upon the request, direction and order (either verbal or written) of the Roseau Fire Department, Roseau Police Department, or by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, if any of said entities determines that there is a danger of fire spreading, endangering property, or otherwise creating a hazard or nuisance. No person shall refuse a lawful order to extinguish a fire.

3. Any fire authorized by this section must be constantly attended by a competent person until such fire is extinguished. This person must have a garden hose connected to a water supply or other fire extinguishing equipment readily available for use.

(C) *Fire Danger Alert.* Burning of leaves may not take place during a fire danger alert declared by the Roseau Fire Department, Roseau Police Department, or by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

(D) *Revocation of Permit.* An open burning permit is subject to revocation at the discretion of the Roseau Police Department. Reasons for revocation, include, but are not limited to: a fire hazard existing or developing during the course of the burn; any

permit conditions being violated during the course of the burn; pollution or nuisance conditions developing during the course of the burn; a fire smoldering with no flame; or no attendant being present at the fire.

(E) *Penalties.* Violations of a provision of this section is a petty misdemeanor. The third violation and all subsequent violations within a one-year period of time are a misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force after its passage and publication.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2019.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk-Treasurer

(Publication in the Roseau Times Region Newspaper on the ____ day of _____, 2019.)

City Attorney asked for council to approve the EDA purchase agreement with county on the Tax-Forfeited lands (Parcel No. 54.0250708 and 54.0095800) contingent on DNR approval. The City can begin to clear the trees to get the parcel ready for the school house build. The County is meeting next Tuesday to finalize the sale. The cost of this property to the City is one dollar.

After discussion, Council member Jane Evans motioned, Council member Brady Johnson seconded and it was carried by unanimous vote to approve the purchase agreement with Roseau County on the Tax-Forfeited lands (Parcel No. 54.0250708 and 54.0095800) for one dollar.

Community Development Coordinator

CDC Peterson presented to council the 1,400 sq. ft. floor plan for the School House build. CDC Peterson noted that the garage will increase in size to 24x24. This will also make the bedrooms 2 feet wider. This home will be built on a slab. Keith Markstrom will be the licensed contractor overseeing the project.

CDC Peterson then presented to council a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the City of Roseau, Northwest Community Action and Roseau School #682 for the Roseau New Housing Collaborative and asked for council approval to enter into the agreement. City Attorney Michelle Moren stated that she has made changes to the agreement as there are no subcontractors at this point.

After discussion, Council member Brady Johnson motioned, Council member Amy Bassingthwaite seconded and it was carried by unanimous vote to approve the MOU with the changes City Attorney Michelle Moren made and authorize CDC Peterson to sign the MOU.

RESOLUTION 34-19

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, of the City of Roseau, approves the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the City of Roseau, Northwest Community Action and Roseau School District #682 for the Roseau New Housing Collaborative, with the changes made by City Attorney Moren, and authorizes CDC Peterson to sign the MOU.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Roseau, Minnesota this 1st day of July, 2019.

By: _____
Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk/Treasurer

CDC Todd Peterson provided to council a letter informing the City of Roseau that the city’s application to the DNR for the FY’20 Outdoor Recreation Grant Program has been selected for funding. This grant application is with the Roseau River Water Shed District. The grant amount is \$32,900 contingent upon the final processing of the application. This grant is to develop access trails, resting areas, information kiosk, kayak launch, rain garden, natural restoration and site amenities. The City is providing the local match which will be included in next year’s budget.

CDC Peterson attended a meeting earlier in the day, in Bemidji, concerning the Paul Bunyan Expressway, Highway 371. There are 124 miles in this Expressway (Little Falls to Bemidji).

There are 68 miles completed with 56 miles left to complete. Traffic counts vary but there can be up to 20,000 vehicles in one day. Safety, employment, new business growth and medical services are a few of the issues impacted by Highway 371. The estimated cost to complete this project would be \$200 million. Rich Seigart, from Bemidji facilitated the meeting. Representative Grossell, Representative Persell, Senator Utke, Senator Eichorn and Congressman Stauber were in attendance. Congressman Stauber was asked to introduce legislation at the federal level to provide matching funds with Minnesota. The Minnesota Representatives and Senators were asked to introduce legislation in February of 2020.

CDC Peterson will contact Representative Dan Fabian and Senator Johnson to push for Northern Minnesota.

Mayor and Council

Council member Evans inquired about the firewood that is occasionally piled at the city park. City Superintendent Drown stated that there may be some piled in the woods. He would check on it. Superintendent Drown also stated that when the City crew has trees to clean up, they pile the wood at the City Park but it is not something they maintain.

Mayor Pelowski had an update on the Customs and Border Patrol issue of limited hours on the northern border, more specifically the Roseau Port, due to funding and US Customs having limited resources as officers have been diverted to the southern border. Mayor Pelowski and CDC Peterson may have had some success when they met with officials in Washington. U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer from New York and U.S. Representative Colin Peterson from Minnesota are working on this issue.

Council member Amy Bassingthwaite inquired as to whose responsibility it is to clean up vandal painted mail boxes. Superintendent Drown informed council that though the Post Office requires the City to put up the cluster boxes, it is the neighborhood and box holder's responsibility to maintain them and that includes snow removal. The Head Quarters in Sioux Falls has been contacted in the past. The Post Office will not allow mail boxes on every house, and every new subdivision has to install the cluster boxes.

Unfinished Business-

There being no further business Councilmember Brady Johnson motioned to adjourn the City Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Amy Bassingthwaite and carried by unanimous vote.

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Carlson Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor Jeff Pelowski