

Minutes of the Special Vermilion City Council Meeting

Monday, May 24, 2021

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Vermilion City Council: Steve Herron, Council President; Monica Stark, Council at Large; Emily Skahen, Ward One; Frank Loucka, Ward Two; Steve Holovacs, Ward Three; Barb Brady, Ward Four; Brian Holmes, Ward Five

Administrative Staff: Jim Forthofer, Mayor; D. Brudney, Parks & Recreation Board, Marc Weisenberger, Parks Operations Director

CALL TO ORDER:

Steve Herron, President of Council called the Monday, May 24, 2021 Special Vermilion City Council meeting to order via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The members of Council, administrative staff, and audience participants recited the Pledge of Allegiance; a moment of silence followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

G. Fisher reported the Parks Board made a recommendation to increase the compensation of the pool staff as follows: Pool Manager - \$15.00 per hour; Pool Assistant Manager - \$13.00 per hour; Lifeguards - \$12.00 per hour. She said the finance director is okay with the rate increases. Mayor Forthofer said lifeguards are the key to opening the pool or not. He said Cedar Point increased to \$20.00 an hour this past week and \$9.00 may have been a low estimate, so he feels it is essential to adjust the capacity to pay for a decent lifeguard in order to get the pool opened. B. Holmes said the finance director said the recovery funds could not be used towards the pool. Mayor Forthofer said as of right now they cannot use these funds. E. Skahen verified the compensation will be paid from the revenue and fundraisers. G. Fisher confirmed this is the pay scenario. B. Brady asked if this was a one-year ordinance. G. Fisher said this ordinance will remain as is unless Council wants to amend it. E. Skahen said it seems like this is the average lifeguard rate, so she did not feel it was too much.

Reading of the Ordinances:

First Reading – Ordinance 2021-37: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-31 ADOPTED MAY 3, 2021 BY ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN AUTHORIZED POSITIONS WITHIN THE VERMILION DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AS HAVE BEEN FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY'S PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

B. Holmes MOVED; E. Skahen seconded to suspend the rules. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

F. Loucka MOVED, B. Holmes seconded to adopt this ordinance by emergency. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

S. Herron adjourned the meeting upon no further discussion.