

Just an update on our Rehab Housing Grant from Minnesota DEED

As many of you know, the City of Rushmore will receive a grant in the amount of \$287,500.00. This grant will help to rehab approximately 10 homes within the City of Rushmore. The City is still processing the paperwork to complete the Rehab Housing Grant contracts with Minnesota DEED. We hope to have everything completed so we can supply interested homeowners with an application package by the end of September or the beginning of October. As with the last Rehab Housing Grant that we received, the City is contracting with the SMOC office in Worthington to help each homeowner with the paperwork involved to apply for the grant.

A very brief overview of the program is that the grant amount for each qualified homeowner is up to \$25,000.00 of approved home improvements. This grant states that 70% of the approved home improvements will be paid by the grant, which is actually a 0% loan with a 10 year term. The loan is forgiven 10% per year. After 10 years the loan is 100% forgiven. The homeowner is responsible for 30% of the rehab costs and any rehab dollar amounts over that. Please contact Coleen at City Hall (478-4338) if you have any questions regarding this grant.

Summary Minutes - Regular Meeting - July 8, 2019

The City Council of the City of Rushmore met in regular session on July 8, 2019 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Bieseimeier called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call indicated the following members present: Scott Bieseimeier, Bruce Boltjes, Ben DeVries, Mark Schutte and Nikki Reiter.

City Staff Members Present: City Clerk Coleen Gruis, Maintenance Jason Harberts, Larry Lupkes. Guests: Abraham Algadi, Nobles County Deputy Mike Schei.

Deputy Schei did not have any items of interest for Council. Council asked him to relay to the Sheriff Department that the City has a problem with vehicles and trailers parked on the side of the streets for longer periods than City ordinances allow. Council has had several complaints and requests the department's help with this problem.

A motion was made to approve the regular meeting minutes of the June 10, 2019 City Council meeting as presented at the meeting. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

After discussion of the updated accounts payable list, a motion was made by Councilmember Boltjes to pass the following resolution: Mayor Bieseimeier and Clerk Gruis are instructed to make payment of all regular accounts payable. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the June 2019 Pledged Securities with First State Bank Southwest. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Bieseimeier introduced Abraham Algadi from Worthington Regional Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Algadi explained that a grant opportunity from MN DEED for daycare expansion has become available. He is working with Clerk Gruis to put together a grant request of \$100,000.00 to help with the costs of upgrading the City owned school to remodel the

school building to pass a daycare inspection and convert part of the Rushmore school building into a daycare center. The City will be the grant applicant and the financial administrator of the grant dollars. The City would need to find a daycare operator and lease that operator the facility. There is a match requirement of funds as part of the grant, but much of that could be the building itself. WREDC also has an Emerging Entrepreneur program that makes funds available to women and minorities, which might be used. The deadline for the grant application is July 26th. A motion was made to pass the Resolution Of The City Of Rushmore In Support Of Funds For A Child Care Facility and to submit an application for the grant. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Council was updated regarding the Booster Club Rummage Sale and Tractor Ride; and the Rushmore Car Show for the celebration weekend of July 12th-14th.

A land use permit request was handed out to Council for a move in yard shed at 210 4th Street. Maintenance reported that the shed has been placed and is now sitting on the property line. Council will vote on the land use permit at the August meeting to give the homeowner a chance to move the shed 6 feet off the lot line.

Maintenance items were discussed:

1. The electric stove & pool table from the Senior building were discussed. It was decided to list them on a swap page. \$100.00 for the pool table and \$50.00 for the stove. Proceeds of the sales will go to the Senior Citizen Club.
2. Discussion was held regarding the land use permit for a garage issued in 2018. The homeowner spoke to Mayor Bieseemeier and reported that the siding has been ordered for the garage, and it will be sided this summer. They will not be attaching the garage to the house. No action taken.
3. Tree trimming from the electric lines and boulevards was discussed. Council asked that Jason get a bid from Carr Tree Service for the project.
4. The severity of the spring frost boils on 3rd Street was discussed. A motion was made to have Jason contact a local contractor to repair the frost boils at a rate of time and material. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.
5. A motion was made to replace the remaining Rushmore street lights, approximated at 12, with LED street lights. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made to pass the Resolution To Accept A Donation Of \$100.00 to the Rushmore Fire Department. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

The 2018 City of Rushmore financial audit was discussed. The audit is due to the State of MN on June 30th. Preparation for the audit has not been completed, an extension was requested from State of MN Auditor's for the 2018 audit by Dennis L. Rick, LTD's Office.

Minnesota Deed sent the grant agreement to the City of Rushmore for a Minnesota Small Cities Development Program Grant (Rehab Housing) for funding in the amount of \$287,500.00. A motion was made to sign the grant agreement. Seconded, motion carried.

A Public Hearing was scheduled for August 12th at 7:00 P.M. to consider the request from Jerry and Nancy Krull for City of Rushmore tax abatement on their new home at 512 3rd Street as part of the Nobles Home Initiative. The Regular Council Meeting will be held after the public hearing.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor - Scott Bieseemeier
Clerk - Coleen Gruis