**CITY OF VERNDALE**

**WADENA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday November 8, 2021**

**5:45 pm**

**Verndale City Hall**

**101 Brown St SW**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**  Ardith Carr, Tara Erckenbrack, Daryl Jacobson, Jim Runyan, Tony Stanley

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:**  Mike Madsen, Fire Chief; Melissa Current, City Clerk/Treasurer

**STAFF ABSENT**: Matt Uselman, Public Works Manager

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Aaron Meyer, MN Rural Water Association; Tahna Rurup, Jason Rurup

The purpose of this public hearing is to review and discuss the Wellhead Protection Plan amendment for the City of Verndale’s drinking water supply wells.

Mayor Erckenbrack opened the public hearing at 5:48 pm.

Meyer stated that about a year ago the Department of Health came in and said it was time to delineate, reassesses the wellhead protection area, figure out where the water is coming from, what the vulnerability is and what the City needs to worry about for the next ten years to provide safe drinking water to the residents. Meyer stated that after that was done, the City got the map on page 2 (attached). Meyer stated that on page 3 (attached) the white and black dotted lines are the old area and the new area is the solid yellow line. This new area is zoomed in on page 2. Meyer stated that the two blue dots are the wells, the red line is the emergency response area. Meyer stated that is takes a water molecule one year to go anywhere from the red line to the wells. Meyer stated that this is the highest priority area for anything that could spill off the road. Meyer stated that the blue line is the Wellhead Protection Area. Meyer stated that all the water that the City will use in the next ten years is coming from that area. Meyer stated that the yellow line is the Drinking Water Supply Management Area; this is what the Council is being asked to manage to protect the drinking water supply for the City of Verndale. Meyer stated that the City is highly vulnerable; everything in the Plan is grant dependent. Meyer stated that these grants (up to $10,000) are available in the spring and fall. Meyer stated that nothing in the plan is controversial or regulatory. Meyer stated that after the City adopts the plan it gets sent to the state and they disseminate it for 90 days, then the City will receive an official approval letter. Meyer stated that this plan is already approved by the Department of Health.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Mayor Erckenbrack closed the public hearing at 5:59 pm.

**Submitted by: Attest:**

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Melissa Current, City Clerk/Treasurer Tara Erckenbrack, Mayor