**Minutes of the Regular Meeting-7:30pm Wednesday**

**December 13, 2022**

**Mendota VFW 1323 Sibley Memorial Hwy,**

**Mendota Minnesota**

1. Call to order: Mayor Mielke called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Present: Mayor Mielke. Council Members Golias, Perron, Rasmussen and Donnelly. Attorney Tom Loonan with Christina Benson, Engineer Lucas Jones, City Clerk Kathy Krotter, Captain Wegener and Building official Mike Andrejka.

4. Agenda: Mayor Mielke asked if there were any last minute changes to the Agenda. No changes needed.

5. Approval November 9, 2022 City Council Meeting minutes. Motion to approve last month’s minutes, with no corrections. Motioned by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council Member Golias. Approved 5-0.

6. Treasurer’s Report: Motion to pay the bills by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council Member Perron. Approved 5-0.

7. Building Official Report Mike Andrejka: Mike had no permit activity.

8. Public Hearing for Vacate of F Street: Lawyer Tom Loonan explained the purpose of the request, which had come before the council in September. Dana and Dan Schumacher own the property at 1316 Third Street, and are asking for 30 additional feet towards F Street. Lucas gave a brief presentation of the property and the request. He had visual pictures to share. Council asked some questions about the water, gas and sewer lines. Mayor Mielke opened the public hearing at 7:47 pm. Residents stated their opinions and asked questions. Discussion between residents and council. Public comment closed at 7:58 pm. Council discussed the request, including water and other utilities. Discussion to deny the request was discussed. Motion and Resolution read by lawyer to deny the thirty foot portion of F Street. Motioned by Council member Golias and seconded by Council member Donnelly. Voted to deny: Council member Rasmussen, yes, Council member Golias, yes, Mayor Mielke, yes, Council member Donnelly, yes, and Council member Perron, yes. Motion passed 5-0

9. Final Tax Levy: Clerk read Resolution 22-16 to approve final tax levy in the amount of $146,472. Motioned by Mayor Mielke, seconded by Council Member Golias 5-0

10. Resolution for polling place: City clerk read resolution 22-17 to agree to use the Sibley Dupuis house for Mendota’s polling place. Moved by Council member Golias and seconded by Council member Perron. Council voted. Mayor Mielke, yes, Council Member Perron, yes, Council Member Rasmussen, yes, Council Member Golias, yes, and Council Member Donnelly, yes. Approved and signed.

11. Public Comments: Opened at 8:09 pm. No Comments. Closed public comment at 8:10 pm.

12. Council Comments: Open council comments at 8:10 pm.

Council Member Rasmussen: Nothing

Council Member Golias: Thanks for the work to get the trees done. Thanked Willard and Lance for the continued work and plowing done for the city.

Mayor Mielke: The Mayor said he had some mail, just the normal monthly stuff. Mayor stated that he attended the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon meeting, they discussed fundraising. Mayor Mielke asked MN Dot about some signage for D Street and Highway 13. Especially at Luckys, where people are always walking across the street. MN Dot agreed to put up a diamond pedestrian sign with an arrow pointing down. Snow shoveling, we should send out a letter to everyone on Highway 13. Stating that snow should be removed 24 hours after the snow stops. Haley (not sure of last name) was elected or promoted to Captain of the Mendota Heights Fire department. D Street that comes down from Upper Second Street, the gates do not lock anymore. It is very dangerous, someone put pallets there, but people walk and ride their bikes down the hill and that could become dangerous. We should look into repairing the gates or maybe we should increase the signage, to let people know.

Council Member Donnelly: Could we post something for the Cable, since his wife will not be able to attend anymore. Snow removal is always done so soon and that is so nice, so a big thank you for that. Loves the tree lighting ceremony that we have every year, it is something that his family loves that about our town, and one day they hope to be around for the tree lighting. (They always seem to be out of town)

Council Member Perron: Nothing

Closed council comments at 8:21 pm.

13. Staff Comments: Open Staff Comments at 8:21 pm.

Captain Wegener: November was a quiet month, opened 2 cases. One for an abandoned vehicle and the other one was just a general case number for conductive compliance checks. City of Mendota had zero failures. Any questions. None

Lucas Jones: November was pretty quiet for Lucas also. Worked on the presentation for the vacating of F Street. Kathy sent some e mails to Lucas, one was for Tracy Wilcziek’s property, and the person interested in it was looking for utilities information. Ray Miller reached out about the property owner in unit 1 that wanted to tweak some stuff so that he could have a yard. Lucas sent water shed meeting information to Kathy, for her upcoming meeting. Lucas has talked to Jennifer Haskamp about the feasibility study.

Lawyer Tom Loonan: Tom introduced his special quest, Christina Benson, she is a new municipal attorney, doing some shadowing. Tom worked on the vacation process with the applicants. (the Schumacher’s). Asked about property questions with MN Dot and vacation right a ways. Especially interested in the Benson property. Tom suggested that maybe the council do a proclamation for the new Fire Chief.

City Clerk: Stated she had a gift from Lucas that she has opened if anybody wants to take anything with them. The clerk is invited to a zoom meeting tomorrow with the Lower Watershed district to discuss some things. Lucas gave Kathy some information and diagrams to talk about with the Lower Watershed district at the meeting. She talked to MN Dot about the sidewalks in Mendota and they are checking into the situation to see what they can do. This all came about since a woman called to complain that she tripped on the sidewalk by Landmark Fence, owned by Luckys now. City clerk also stated that she has been working on MS4 permit stuff, and going to several meetings about the permit requirements. Lots of phone calls from people interested in developing in Mendota. Most were passed on to Tom or Lucas.

Closed staff comment at 8:30 pm.

14. Closed session meeting (Council only): 8:33 pm Per Minnesota Statue 13D 05 Subdivision 3C1. Closed for litigation discussion for a lawsuit that has been filed against the city. Present: Mayor, Council, Christina Benson, City Clerk and Lawyer Tom Loonan. Out of closed session at 8:43 pm

15. Adjourn: 8:43 pm. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Donnelly and seconded by Council Member Perron. Approved 5-0.