**Minutes of the Regular Meeting-7:30pm Tuesday,**

**December 14, 2021**

**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. City Attorney Tom Loonan, City Clerk Kathy Krotter, Captain Wegener, Engineer Lucas Jones, and Building official Mike Andrejka.

4. Agenda: Change to agenda, add 5A to add Mike Andrejka for Building Official Report.

5. Approval of November 9, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve last month’s minutes, with corrections, by Council member Rasmussen and seconded by Council member Perron. Approved 5-0.

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

7. Building Official Report Mike Andrejka: Mike issued one permit. Could not inspect the roof due to the snowfall.

8. Michele Walsh Garage: Ms. Walsh stated that she was wondering if they could move the garage to the other property that they own, since they own two lots. A few problems that have arisen are that right now there is a non-functioning alley there, so how would they make that a functioning alley. Also there is a large amount of trees in the alley. Council member Golias asked if they could move the building and access it from Second St. Council member Donnelly suggested that Michele apply for a variance. Then she could keep the garage where it is now. The city would not put an alley in, due to the cost, and the removal of all the trees. If the alley was to be put in, there would have to be a public hearing and Mr. Hop would have to be included in the process. Options were discussed.

9. M Warren variance application: Mr. Warren stated that he put in a variance application with the planning committee. Lawyer Tom Loonan explained the procedure. The planning commission did not have a quorum so the variance was not voted on. So Tom suggested that we set up a public hearing for Tuesday January 11, 2022 during the council meeting and the planning commission is meeting January 5, 2022, to discuss the variance. Council member Golias explained what the planning commission did talk about and how he feels about other government agencies taking residents property and then having the residents buy back their own property. The mayor will be out of town for the next council meeting and the public hearing, so it was discussed, what the mayor would have to do to be a part of the public hearing. Motion to set public hearing by council member Golias and seconded by council member Donnelly.

10. Consideration of Resolution 21-09 approving joint powers agreement with the State of Minnesota. Tom explained the Resolution. Council member Golias made a motion to approve Resolution 21-09, seconded by Council member Donnelly. All in favor 5-0.

11. Final tax levy: No changes. $142,656.00 was what the levy was set at in September. Motion to approve final tax levy by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council Member Perron. All in favor 5-0

 12. Public Comments: 8:21 pm. Ms. Walsh stated that they loved seeing Santa and thanked the city of Mendota. Closed public comment at 8:22 pm.

13. Council Comments: 8:22 pm. Council member Rasmussen, nothing.

Council Member Golias: Council member Golias had a fantastic meeting with Captain Wegener. They discussed the All Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is done every five years. Council member Golias went through the rankings with the Captain and it took quite a long time. Some things listed are terrorism, pandemics, landslides, tornadoes, winter storms, water supply, flooding etc. This is done if we ever need FEMA money. The Captain did contact the county for specific data. Added the water loop completion and expansion project. Captain said he would bring the final copies to the meeting in January.

Mayor Mielke: Mayor has some mail. There are a couple of street lights out on D Street. The Mayor stated that he met with the St Paul Port Authority. St Paul Regional Water was talked about as a source for our water main project. Mayor stated that 60 people showed up at the tree lighting ceremony and Santa made an appearance.

Council Member Donnelly: Stated he was sorry to miss the tree lighting ceremony this year.

Council Member Perron had nothing.

Closed council comments at 8:35 pm.

 14. Staff Comments: 8:35 pm. Captain Wegener stated that he was going to talk about the All Hazard Mitigation Plan, but that was already covered with Council Member Golias’s comments. Captain asked if there were any questions. Council member Golias talked about an article he read about Edina working with other cities on car jacking’s. Was Mendota Heights brought in on this, no it was a Hennepin County project.

Lucas Jones: Stated the comp plan is up for review, so would we liked to set up a meeting for people to put in their comments for next meeting. Mayor asked how long people have to comment, 60 days. So Mayor suggested we wait until February’s meeting. Most things did not change in the comp plan, just added the Mississippi river critical corridor and the local water management plan.

Water main project. Lucas said PFA sent out an e-mail with an application for the water structure fund. That is specific to the water project, drinking water and sewer. We are 85th and 86th on the list. Motion to send in the application that is due Friday. Motioned by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council Member Golias. All in favor 5-0

Windy Ridge second: The update is the water service on lot one, the resident there is still concerned that there is not enough cover where it crosses the storm water feature. It is on the private side of the connection and Lucas has encouraged the resident to talk to St Paul Water and see if they have any requirements, since they installed it.

MS4 permit: That has all been taken care of this summer, but there are still two items that still need to be submitted. A site plan review template and an illicit discharge procedure. It might be a good idea to get the planning commission involved with these two items.

Council member Donnelly asked with the return of the check are we done with the Windy Ridge project now and is it in the hands of the home owner association? As people purchased property, it was handed over to the home owners. The mayor asked does the city have the right to monitor the clean out once a year. Yes, inspections can be done and the city can stay on top of that. Also the no parking zone is taken care of. Ideal time to inspect would be May, get a hold of the home owner’s association president and let them know about the cities concerns.

Lawyer Tom Loonan: Stated he received a call from James Frank regarding some concerns about building permits in the early 2000’s. Mr. Frank said he was going to reach out to Mike. The permits were never cleared. Council member Perron spoke that she did receive calls from Mr. Frank also.

Tom spoke to Mr. Benson’s real estate council. He explained the situation and Tom talked about the cities situation on the subject also. MN dot is still making it difficult for him.

Tom is working with Jennifer on the zoning codes. MJ Crosby is still interested in how the zoning codes are going.

City Clerk Krotter: Resolution for designating a polling place. Problem with snow plowing, where someone dropped snow in the middle of the road, on the corner of Highway 13 and D Street. Turned out it was the new people who are plowing for the Sibley House. Problem was taken care of.

Closed staff comment at 9:05 pm.

15. Adjourn: 9:06pm. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council member Donnelly and seconded by Mayor Mielke. Approved 5-0.