**Minutes of the Regular Meeting-7:30 Tuesday Dec 13, 2016**

**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 Brian Mielke, Council members Joan Perron, Alan Ralston, Melody Rasmussen, City Attorney Tom Lehman. Building Official, Mike Andrejka. Police Chief Mike Ashenbrenner, and City Clerk Kathy Krotter.

4. Agenda: Motion to approve agenda with adding of tax levy. Council Member Ralston motioned, Council Member Perron Seconded. Motion passed 5-0

5. Approval of November 10, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes: Moved to approve the minutes by Council Member Rasmussen, seconded by Council Member Ralston. Motion passed 5-0.

6. Treasurer’s Report: Motion to approve the payment of the bills by Council Member Krotter, Seconded by Council Member Ralston. Motion passed 5-0

7. Tax Levy Motion to set tax levy at $152,960.00 Motioned by Council Member Perron, Seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Passed 5-0

8. Business and liquor licenses. Motion to approve business licenses January and Liquor licenses February. Passed 5-0

9. Historic Oak business: Reid Lavalle talked about his business. And proposed putting a storage unit in the yard at 1374 Sibley Memorial Hwy. Storage unit would be 20x8x8. Also would like to put a sign up.

Council suggested it look like another building instead of a storage container. Coming to January meeting.

10. Public Comments: Opened at 8:12 pm. Carl Robinette asked if we could put in posts by the culvert by his driveway. His Brother fell in the culvert and broke his ankle. There are posts across the street by his home. Steve to check with Danny. Closed public comment at 8:16pm

11. Council Comments: 8:16 pm Council Member Rasmussen, commented on the drain field /holding pond by her home. The outlet pipe should be looked at in the spring. Council member Ralston had left the meeting. Mayor Mielke, had the usual, mail. And acknowledged the chief leaving after 13 years and wished him a happy retirement. Council Member Perron, said that Lance has a hard time plowing H Street. There are four cars and an RV at the top of the hill and the plow truck cannot turn around or plow safely. Send letter to Tracy. Also Tom will send letter about septic at the home.

Council Member Kathy, nothing.

12. Staff Comments: 8:33 pm Mike had no permits, but closed three. Lucky’s occupancy and parking is done. Lower level will be done before Christmas. Fire marshal said Lucky’s is a go. Tom, best practice liquor licenses, no liquor violations in three years. Adopt resolution motion by Council Member Perron, seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Approved 4-0 Clerk, Kathy, business licenses and liquor licenses mailed. Sibley House asked for liquor licenses for their events from June to October. Chief Ashenbrenner said he only had 43 days left and this would be his last meeting. Introduced new Chief, Kelly McCarthy. And the publication “Just the Facts” would still go out. Also someone mentioned the Christmas tree at Lucky’s was in the way on the sidewalk. Tree removed. Close staff comments 8:48pm.

13. Adjourn: 8:48 pm Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Krotter, seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. All in favor 4-0.