**Minutes of the Regular Meeting-7:30 Tuesday June 13, 2017**

**Mendota VFW 1323 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota Minnesota**

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Present: Deputy Mayor, Melody Rasmussen, Council members Joan Perron, Steve Golias, and Kathy Krotter. City Attorney, Tom Lehman, Building Official, Mike Andrejka, and City Clerk Kathy Krotter. Absent: Police Chief Kelly McCarthy and Mayor Brian Mielke.

4. Agenda: Two items to add to the Agenda 6A Building Official Report and 6B report by Ron Wasmund for the inspection of Tracy Wilcziek property. Then 7A will be the St Paul Academy Revenue Bond Project and 7B will be the city of Mendota Heights resolution for the city to adopt. Motion to approve the amended agenda by Council Member Golias, Seconded by Council Member Perron. Motion passed 4-0

5. Approval of May 9, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes: Minutes to be approved with the correction of the Fire Chief of Mendota Heights to have approval of a controlled training burn of the old house as long as there are no hazardous materials, with the exception of the trailer. And the correction of Lucky’s parking lot to be the North side of Highway 13 at the 1351 parking lot location. Motion to approve the minutes by Council Member Golias, seconded by Council Member Perron. Motion passed 4-0.

6. Treasurer’s Report: Motion to approve the payment of the bills by Council Member Perron, Seconded by Council Member Krotter. Motion passed 4-0.

7. Building Official-Mike Andrejka. No activity in May. But Mike had a question about the builders on Windy Ridge presenting their application, shouldn’t the council approve first. Tom said that we eliminated that step unless you see something that should warrant an approval by the council, like something that seemed odd or a setback. We have no planning commission, so we are development friendly in that case. Mike asked about setbacks, and our ordinance has the setbacks in them. The developer should give you sight plans and there should be only six homes and if you see anything out of the ordinary let us know. Steve gave Mike his plans for the new home development. The new homes will be hooked up to City sewer and water. Water lines already go through the property. Contacted the St Paul water and they will have to pay SAC charges to Met Council. Engineering approval by Lucas Jones.

8. Ron Wassmund: The Septic inspector for Dakota County. There is a property in Mendota with some septic issues. Melody, Joan, Tom, and Ron Wassmund went up to check the property. Tracy Wilcziek was also present at the property. Tracy did not live there but rented the property to others. Tracy needed to have the residents evacuated by the end of June. If not he had to have a designed septic system and be approved by the State for the residents to stay. Ron filled in on the inspection. The physical attributes of the make shift bathroom, basically a temporary latrine, two by four framing that is covered by tarps. 3 feet wide by 6 feet long shower and bathroom, and the water comes in by a hose and spray nozzle. They used an old septic tank and made this latrine over it. But this needs to have specific regulations, such as the tank receiving the waste needs to be water tight, it has to be ventilated, have screens to keep the bugs out, and there has to be a vent off the tank. None of these are present. No running water in that office, dwelling, or whatever they call it. The city needs to condemn the property so that it cannot be occupied. Property is for sale so they would have to take care of these specifications. Check at the end of June to see if property has been evacuated. 1300.0180 is code from the State of Minnesota, hazardous substandard building and use that for our sited rule to have property evacuated. Todd Rossie (spelling) from Mendota Heights police department went with us. The sewer pumping and verification has to be done. Has clerk ever received verification from Dakota County for Septic pumping or anything? No the clerk has not. The city needs a record of abandonment of the property and collapse and fill of the septic tank. (Empty the septic tanks, fill them in, and must be kept track of.) The county will keep the records, for 44 dollars, of the building of the septic permit and keep track of the pumping. If after three years and it is not pumped the county will take care of it and make the expense the responsibility of the property owner. Charge from Ron for the inspection. Nothing yet from him.

9. St Paul Academy Revenue Bond Project: This is a conduit bond to use our bonding authority. Nonprofit organizations can get a better interest rate and also interest expenses can be deducted. We were approached by St Paul Academy and it was a refinance, called Rich financing. One step is to hold a public hearing and no one is here to speak against or for. And we have a resolution to sign and adopt and the closing will be in September. The City will get a fee for this, there is no liability to the city if St Paul Academy defaults on the loan. They get a better rate and the city profits from this. There is no bonds in the future so Tom recommended that. We approve it and opened public comment, Motion opened at 8:01 pm by Council member Perron. Deputy Mayor Rasmussen asked if anyone would like to speak for or against the conduit bond. There were none and council member Perron made a motion to close the public hearing and seconded by council member Krotter. All those in favor 4-0.

Approve the signing of the resolution of the bond documents. Resolution number 17-06. Council Member Golias made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Council Member Perron. All in favor 4-0.

Mendota Heights is doing a road repair project and is being funded by the State of Minnesota. There is a little portion that comes into play with the city of Mendota which is at Victoria Curve and Center Point Curve, a little sliver that goes across 110. City of Mendota to pass a resolution to have the State pay for the project. Resolution 17-07 for approving submittal request to the State of Minnesota for refunding of the section. Approved by Council member Perron and seconded by Council Member Golias Approved 4-0

10. Public comments : 8:10 pm Carl had a couple things, bigger trash bin at apartments or have it emptied more often cause the trash can fills up and spills all over. The residents have complained about the garbage also to Everyday Living. Also the culvert on E Street is half full now, all washed out and the street is going to collapse. The city should have Danny take a look at it and see what we can do. Carl thought Linda would be here because she was going to buy Landmark Fence, but Landmark Fence filled out a business license. Public comments closed at 8:13 pm

11. Staff Comments: 8:14 pm Mike the inspector has a backup inspection company that he would like to use, for vacations and time off. Make a motion to approve the backup inspector. Council Member Golias made a motion to accept MN spec to be back up to A to Z inspections, seconded by Council member Perron. Approved 4-0

12. Council Comments 8:17 pm Council Member Golias, nothing, Deputy Mayor Rasmussen, nothing, Council member Perron, nothing, but slide and have you heard anything about the grant. NOPE. A couple people from the apartments came to the VFW and started something, but no one called the police. So next time they are instructed to call the police. Close council comments at 8:21 pm

13. Staff Comments 8:22pm Kathy, nothing. Tom talked about his office doing bond financing and how they are getting into this. Variance to approve the VFW for noise for Mendota Days July 7th and 8th. Motion to approve by Council Member Golias and seconded by Council Member Perron.

14. Adjourn: 8:35 pm Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Golias, seconded by Council Member Perron. Motioned passed 4-0.