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

**January 10, 2023**

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

4. Swear in of Mayor Mielke and Council Members, Rasmussen and Donnelly.

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

6. Approval of December 13, 2022 City Council Meeting minutes. Motion to approve last month’s minutes, with two corrections. Motioned by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council Member Donnelly. Approved 5-0.

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

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

9. Public Hearing for Vacate of F Street: Dan Schumacher apologized for not being present at the meeting last month and explained that him and Dana were sick. They were told that their request for the original 30 feet request was denied and could they get an explanation of why? Dan stated that they were also instructed that they needed to submit a new request for the 15 feet vacation. Which has been submitted. Dan explained that at some point they want to replace the house that is there from 1832 with something more modern. Tom Loonan gave a brief description of why the 30 feet was denied. The engineer gave a presentation and there was some concern with the utilities. Council decided that 30 feet was not in the best interest of the city. Dan stated that the only thing that runs through the 30 feet request was the gas main, which is owned by Xcel energy and that could be re-routed for that vacation. The sewer and water lines run along Third Street and then turn to go down F Street. So Dan was concerned with regards to the utilities. Tom explained that a vacation request does not include rerouting utilities, if that was the case that would be considered a variance. In the case of the vacate, the decision is based on, if this in the best interest of the city. And with a variance comes several rules and regulations. Lucas also gave a deeper description of why the vacate was denied. Lucas stated that with city policy, the city has allowed a lot of vacates that did not involve utilities. If there were no utilities in the vacate request, the city would not be having this discussion.

7:50 pm Mayor Mielke opened the public hearing. No discussion about the vacate. 7:51 pm public hearing closed. The 15 foot Resolution was read by Lawyer Tom Loonan. Resolution 23-01

Resolved by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council Member Golias. Vote was taken:

Council member Rasmussen yes, Council member Golias yes, Mayor Mielke yes

Council member Donnelly yes and Council member Perron yes Passed 5-0

10. Appointments Resolution 23-02 Clerk read appointments. Resolved by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council member Golias. Passed 5-0

11. Public Comments: Opened at 8:01 pm. Dan stated that deliveries are difficult to have delivered since the Post Office does not register the Street address with the PO Box. Council and residents talked about the problems, to try and come up with a solution. Council member Donnelly suggested he would speak to the Post Office about the addresses being registered with our PO Boxes. Closed public comment at 8:13 pm.

12. Council Comments: Open council comments at 8:13 pm.

Council Member Rasmussen: Nothing

Council Member Golias: Would like to thank Willard and Lance, for the work they did with the bobcat and removing the snow from the end of the streets, so residents could see.

Fire Hydrants need to be cleared.

Mayor Mielke: The Mayor said he had some mail, Christmas Cards and invitations. Beyond the Yellow Ribbon meeting is tomorrow, January 11, 2023

Council Member Donnelly: Wanted to also thank Lance for the snow removal.

Council Member Perron: Nothing

Closed council comments at 8:15 pm.

13. Staff Comments: Open Staff Comments at 8:15 pm.

Captain Wegener: Stated that the police department was off to a quiet year so far. In 2022 the city had 276 incidents, from traffic stops to medical and 911 hang ups. There were 15 case files which were criminal. Any questions. What were the numbers for last year? Captain did not have that.

Lucas Jones: Not many updates. Maybe next meeting we can discuss the utility capacities to see if we want to move forward with that. Lucas talked to Swanson Haskamp right before last meeting in January but has not heard anything back.

Lawyer Tom Loonan: Not a lot to report. But at 4pm today Tom received a call from MN Dot about the property located at the Benson Property. MN Dot has requested $15,000 for the partial property for the city to buy. The city has until July 15th to accept the request.

City Clerk: Very slow this month, no more phone. Verizon cut off the phone since it was a 3G. On the website the clerk has listed her phone number, so people can get ahold of someone.

Closed staff comment at 8:24 pm.

14. Adjourn: 8:24 pm. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Donnelly and seconded by Council Member Perron. Approved 5-0.