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

**January 9, 2024**

**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, and Donnelly. Attorney Christina Benson, Engineer Lucas Jones, and City Clerk Kathy Krotter. Attorney Tom Loonan, Captain Wegener and Council Member Rasmussen were absent.

4. Agenda: Attorney Benson stated that we can remove number six from the agenda, we are not having the public hearing for Swanson Haskamp for the fee schedule. Motion to approve agenda by Mayor Mielke, seconded by Council Member Golias. Approved 4-0.

5. Approval of December 12, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve last month’s minutes. Motioned by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council Member Golias. Approved 4-0.

6. Treasurer’s Report: Motion to pay the bills by Council Member Golias and seconded by Council Member Donnelly. Approved 4-0.

7. Public hearing for Hourcar Bond: Dan Burns Bond Attorney from Taft Law firm and Paul the CEO and President of Hourcar were present. Mr. Burns gave a brief explanation of the conduit bond the city is getting involved in.

The mayor opened the public hearing at 7:33 pm. The mayor asked what the benefit of a conduit bond is to the city? Mr. Burns stated that the conduit bond is a loan that is completely the obligation of Hourcar, there is nothing that the city needs to do. There is no lien against any property, nobody can demand any tax money. The city receives an issuer fee. In this case it is a quarter of one percent of the Hourcar loan. They are looking at a one-million-dollar loan and it will be about .25% for being the issuer, which will be about $2500.00. Question: Does this take away from the cities bond capacity in the future? Mr. Burns stated No it does not. It will not take away the ability to have the city get their own bonds, it does not count against the city’s credit ratings. Council Member Donnelly asked if Paul could give a 30 second commercial for what Hourcar does.

Hourcar is a Minnesota based nonprofit organization that started in 2005 and what they do is a share mobility service. They operate a car sharing service in the Twin Cities for people who need transportation, who can’t afford a vehicle. Customers can pick up a vehicle in one of Hourcar’s self-service hubs. They have a one-way car service where you can pick up the car on the street, drive it to your destination and leave it there. The public asked more questions and Mr. Burns answered them. The public hearing closed at 7:42 pm. Resolution 24-02 was motioned by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council Member Golias. Resolution was approved 4-0.

8. Appointments for City: Mayor read the appointments under resolution 24-01.

The Road Commissioner position was open, so Mr. Bob Reynolds volunteered for the position. Planning commission, Swanson and Haskamp was added. Approved 4-0.

9. Public Comments: Opened at 7:51 pm. Resident asked about erosion control in the city. Was wondering if the culverts were going to be cleaned out and repaired. Lucas stated that we were planning on fixing all culverts when we put in the watermain. Lucas asked if we would like to start to work on the culverts now, since the watermain project is still waiting for the grant money. He could put together some quotes, if the city would like. Most just need to be cleaned out. A resident asked about the home that was tore down and is there anything we can do to stop the dirt from running out into the street. Lucas also asked about quotes for road repairs on D Street and Hwy 13. Closed public comment at 8:07 pm.

10. Council Comments: Open comments at 8:08 pm.

Council Member Rasmussen: Absent

Council Member Golias: Nothing

Mayor Mielke: Mayor called for a moment of silence for Dan Dahlberg. Mayor had mail, if anyone would like to look or read it. Mayor stated that three of us received an email from the State of Minnesota for the $650,000 that the city received for the watermain project. The city received the money in 2020 and we have until the end of the year to use it. Lucas suggested some ideas for the use of the $650,000.

Council Member Donnelly: Gave a shout out to Dan Schumacher for being on the Cable Commission.

Council Member Perron: Someone wrote graffiti on Benson’s building.

Closed council comments at 8:17 pm.

11. Staff Comments: Open Staff Comments at 8:17 pm.

Jennifer Haskamp: We need to get the park dedication fee ready for the city. The city would need a one- or two-page park plan to accompany the dedication fee to demonstrate how the funds would be used. Mayor stated that there will be a meeting at his home on January 22, 2024, at 7AM. To adopt the public hearing and fee schedule.

Talked about the application for the property for the apartment building.

Captain Wegener: Was absent.

Lucas Jones: Helped out with PFA. Helped with the park dedication fee. Copied a plan from another block sized park to get the fees for the park dedication. There is a new South area manager for MNDot, Bryant Veseck. For the MS4 permit, keep him in mind if there ever is a planning commission meeting.

Lawyer Christina Benson: Doesn’t look like a road commissioner is a statutory thing. It is not mentioned in your ordinance, so Mr. Reynolds is good to go. Christina will draw up the resolution for the fee schedule for the next meeting on January 22, 2024.

City Clerk: Reported that Captain was still on light duty. Any questions feel free to reach out to him. Reported that she went to the Met Council water supply meeting, and it was very interesting. Recycling meeting on Thursday. Lots of phone calls about property for sale in Mendota. Council member Golias asked what is happening with the house at 1337 Second Street. City Clerk will call Dakota County about Sheriff’s sale for that property.

Closed staff comment at 8:38 pm.

12. Adjourn: Meeting was recessed at 8:39 pm. Motion to continue meeting on January 22, 2024, at 7am at the mayor’s home at 1395 Second Street for public hearing for Swanson Haskamp fee schedule. Motion by Mayor Mielke.