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

**March 8, 2022**

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

4. Agenda: Change the Approval of Zoning codes to a discussion, and no action being taken. Add closed session to discuss of sale of property number 12 and adjourn to number 13. Motion to approve by Council Member Golias and seconded by Council Member Perron. Approved 4-0

5. Treasurer’s Report: Motion to pay the bills by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council member Golias. Approved 4-0. Holding bill for Pressure valve.

6. Approval February 8, 2022 City Council Meeting minutes. Motion to approve last month’s meeting minutes by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council member Perron. Approved 4-0.

7. Building Official Report Mike Andrejka: Mike had no permits issued and did not close any.

8. Discussion of zoning codes: Cannot vote on the approval of the zoning codes until the comp plan is approved by Met Council. Lawyer Loonan spoke on what has been done so far. We had the public meeting at the last council meeting, there was direction from that meeting on changes to the codes, per council and the public. Jennifer Haskamp has all the corrections and is working on the changes. The final project is complete, but we cannot vote on the approval until the Comp Plan is approved. We are waiting on Met Council to approve the Comp Plan. Lucas spoke on behalf of the Met Council. The last time MSA spoke to Met Council was in February and they had a list of items that needed more information. None of them were zoning related. Lucas asked if the Met Council would conditionally approve the Comp plan, so the zoning could be updated, but they will not. Some of the items open are waste water, transportation, surface water and the Mississippi Corridor items. M J Crosby asked if the moratorium was still in place. Mr.Loonan said that he was pretty sure it was still in place, but would have to check when we set that up. Michele asked if the zoning codes would be approved from council when it is voted on or when it is published. Mr. Loonan stated when it is published and that would be as soon as it is voted on. It will be published in the paper.

9. Public Hearing for Variance for VFW new Sign: Public hearing open at 7:43 pm. Mr. Loonan stated that the VFW is looking to replace a sign that they have out front. The VFW filed a variance because signs are not allowed to encroach on the public right away, but right now there sign does stick out over the sidewalk. They could replace the sign with one the same size, however they want to put a bigger sign in. Marv from Post 6690 VFW in Mendota, approached the council with some more detail pertaining to the sign that they are looking for. Council reviewed the old sign and new sign from the variance application. Closed public hearing at 7:50 pm. Motion to approve resolution 22-04 by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council Member Perron. Approved 4-0

10. Public Comments: 8:00 pm. No public comments. Closed public comment at 8:01 pm.

11. Council Comments: 8:01 pm.

Council Member Rasmussen, nothing.

Council Member Golias, nothing

Mayor Mielke: Had some mail, if anyone is interested in reading it. Mendota Days is well under way. Mendota days will be Friday July 8th and Saturday July 9th. Working on a car show, poppy queen and arts and crafts. Mayor attended the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program last week. Mayor Mielke would like the key to jail back.

Council Member Donnelly: Absent.

Council Member Perron had nothing.

Closed council comments at 8:03 pm.

12. Staff Comments: 8:03 pm. Captain Wegener absent.

Lucas Jones: Stated that besides from working with Met Council, he has not been fielding many calls. Next Friday Lucas will be meeting with some of the public works folks that reside in Dakota County and the MN Dot officials are usually there. The South area manager is Ryan Wilson and the south area engineer is Brian E. Lucas suggested for the closing of Hwy 13 for Mendota days, the city will need a traffic control plan, which the Mayor already stated that he did.

Lawyer Tom Loonan: Stated that he did hear from Captain Wayne, and that he is testifying and would try and make the meeting, but Tom told him that we are moving through the meeting fast and he does not need to come. Captain had nothing to report for the meeting. Tom’s been working with Jennifer and finishing up the zoning plan.

City Clerk Krotter: Clerk stated that she received a bill from Village Lawn to cut the grass. It has gone up fifty dollars since last year and asked if we would like to accept the bid or look for someone new. Council agreed to keep them for next year. Also the clerk has a map from MN Department of Transportation stating that they are going to be working on the Mendota Bridge, especially the railing and making it higher. Clerk stated that she did get an application for a liquor license from Lucky’s to have a tent across the street for Mendota Days. Mayor also stated that he met with Tiffany and Steve Hesse about the bands that will be at Mendota Days. Both the Clerk and Mayor agreed that since Luckys will be participating in Mendota days this year that we would waive the Liquor license fee for the two day event. Mayor Mielke said that people have also stated that they would be interested in fireworks for Mendota Days.

Closed staff comment at 8:11 pm.

Brief recess for 5 minutes so everyone can leave before the closed session.

13. Closed Session Meeting: 8:14 pm The City of Mendota Council will be going into a closed session pursuing to Minnesota Statue 13 D05 Subdivision 3C 1 to consider value and negotiation for the sale of Mendota property having the legal description of Lot 6 Block 19. So moved by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council Member Perron. Approved 4-0

9:02pm Closed session done by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council Member Golias. Approved 4-0 Tom Loonan stated that the city has come out of closed session pursuing Minnesota Statue 13 D05 Subdivision 3C1 considering the potential sale of the cities property next to Tracy Wilcziek’s property. In the closed session were Council members Rasmussen, Golias, and Perron. Mayor Mielke, city engineer Lucas Jones, City Clerk Kathy Krotter and city attorney Tom Loonan. No action was taken.

14. Adjourn: 9:03pm. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council member Perron and seconded by Council member Golias. Approved 4-0.