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

**September 13, 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, Rasmussen and Donnelly. Attorney Tom Loonan, Engineer Lucas Jones, City Clerk Kathy Krotter, Captain Wegener and Building official Mike Andrejka.

4. Agenda: Mayor Mielke asked if there were any last minute changes to the Agenda. We added Local Water Plan Resolution along with the Comp Plan Resolution. Motioned by Mayor Mielke and Seconded by Council Member Golias.

5. Approval August 16, 2022 City Council Meeting minutes. Motion to approve last month’s minutes by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council Member Donnelly. No corrections noted. Approved 5-0.

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

7. Building Official Report Mike Andrejka: Mike had no permit activity in Mendota last month.

8. Resolution Comp Plan/Local Water Plan: Comp plan has been approved by the Met Council. Council Member Golias asked if there were any changes from the other cities and government entities. Some government entities had more information requests, such as utility locations and septic systems and terminology. Mayor read the Resolution 22-11 of the Comp Plan. December 31, 2018 the plan came out, and was mandated to do. The Comp plan is required to be done every ten years, for every city. The city had a public hearing in March 2021. Mayor made the motion to accept the Comp Plan resolution and was seconded by Council Member Golias. Approved 5-0. Local Water plan, Resolution 22-10, read by Mayor Mielke. Lucas explained the purpose for the local water plan, and that it was needed for the 2040 Comp plan. The water plan looks at waste water, local water and storm water. Our local water plan, was approved by the two water shed districts. Motion to approve Local Water plan Resolution by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council Member Perron. Approved 5-0.

9. 2023 Preliminary Budget: Budget was discussed and preliminary tax levy amount was resolved. Amount for tax levy $146,472.00.

10. Public Comments: Opened at 8:56 pm. Conversation continued about the Judd Fenlon project. One resident stated that they would like to see more of an ownership of the property than an apartment rental. Residents feel that thirty five feet is tall enough for our little town. One resident was concerned about a left hand turn out of the development. Council stated the building is actually back farther than the Benson Metals building that is presently there. Council member Golias stated that we are at the 35 feet limit, but the developer could ask for a conditional use permit. Resident asked for future developments if someone is on the planning commission, is there a conflict of interest if they are on the planning commission and they own part of the property that might be developed. Tom Loonan said that they would have to recuse themselves from the discussion but could discuss as a member of the public. Mayor Mielke asked if we could change the proposed ordinance so that if someone wanted to make a project more than 35 feet, they could apply for a conditional use permit to get to 50 feet. Tom said that we can adopt that into the zoning ordinance, because we have not voted on the final zoning ordinances yet, the council has been waiting for the comp plan to be approved, before we could do this.

We had the public hearing, but have not voted on the final zoning ordinances. The council will vote in October.

Council discussed to make everything clearer, we should pass out a survey that would be answered by each resident. Survey will show the height difference and residents would vote for the 35 feet or 35 feet with a C.U.P (Conditional Use Permit) that would increase the height, up to 50 feet. C.U.P means we set the rules, we set the guidelines.

Closed public comment at 9:48 pm.

10. Council Comments: Open council comments at 9:48 pm.

Council Member Rasmussen: Nothing

Council Member Golias: Street light- Light pole #30 on 4th and F Street is out.

Mayor Mielke: Went to the Yellow Ribbon program meeting. Has mail, if anyone is interested in reading it. Mayor Mielke stated that Mike DeCourcy has resigned from the planning commission.

Heard from Kaposia about the trees, and has an estimate on the tree removal.

Council Member Donnelly: Nothing.

Council Member Perron: Nothing.

Closed council comments at 9:50 pm.

11. Staff Comments: Open Staff Comments at 9:50 pm.

Captain Wegener: Had to leave for work.

Lucas Jones: On the Warren Property he had a few discussions with Mr. Warren, mostly about permits for installing utilities. Mr. Klug has had no communications with Lucas. The dispute with Mr. Miller has been resolved. MS4 permit has a few things that need to be done, which are draft ordinances for pet waste and salt storage. Who are the contacts for things running into the storm sewer and to have a discharge policy? And then a response plan for the site plan review checklist. Something to include street sewers and water mains. Maybe have a planning commission meeting to discuss these things. Council had mentioned that the street by the Sibley House is in dire need of repair, Lucas came up with these numbers. Street repair plans for D Street and Water Street. East and west 750 feet and 28 feet wide, north and south 425 feet and 32 feet wide. Complete $350.00, $250,000, or just overlay $100,000.

Lawyer Tom Loonan: Benson Metal meeting with MN Dot before last month’s meeting, which Tom did not attend. This month correspondence with Kathy about some city requests.

City Clerk: Request from the Sibley house to install a new sign. Tom said send it to him and he will check it out and talk to them. There was an article in the St Paul Pioneer press about no one being on the City of Mendota’s ballot, but everything is ok. Everyone is on the ballot and the clerk had copies of how the ballot is going to look. Mayor Mielke stated that he emailed the author of the article and sent him a link that showed everyone was on the ballot. He stated he corrected it on the online site, but could not change the printed article now. The sample ballot will be posted at the post office.

Closed staff comment at 10:01 pm.

14. Adjourn: 10:01 pm. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council member Donnelly and seconded by Council Member Perron. Approved 5-0.