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

**April 9, 2019**

**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, Brian Mielke, Council members Joan Perron, Steve Golias, Melody Rasmussen, Clark Donnelly. City Attorney, Tom Loonan, City Clerk Kathy Krotter. Engineer Lucas Jones. Captain Wegener. Building official Mike Andrejka.

4. Agenda: No changes to the agenda.

5. Approval of March 12, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes: Motioned by Council member Rasmussen and seconded by Council member Golias to approve the minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

6. Treasurer’s Report: Motion to pay the bills. So moved by Council Member Golias, Seconded by Council Member Donnelly. Motion passed 5-0.

7. Building Official-Mike Andrejka: Issued one and closed one in March. Mr. Ray Miller let Mike know that he was close to wanting a CO. Mike wants the blessing of the council before he issues the CO. Mayor Mielke stated Mr. Miller hasn’t actually asked for the CO he just hinted. Mike said yes.

8. R J Daughters update: Mr. Loonan stated that he heard from the Miller’s lawyer and he provided Tom with the recorded HOA, the declaration and the recorded documents that the city required and the obligations from the city. Mr. Miller mentioned to Tom about the other CO also. Mr. Donnelly stated that at the last two meetings we made suggestions to the Developer and we stated we wanted to have the HOA and Bylaws done, but not only did they not provide that to us, they never even showed up to the meeting. The Fire Chief stated that he has never seen anything like this in his 30 years. And not only did that strike Mr. Donnelly strange but it set off a lot of red flags. It seems we can have simple solutions but instead let’s change the rules for everyone. It doesn’t seem fair, we need to be able to say no, if we don’t feel comfortable with what is going on. No matter what, Mr. Miller cannot move forward without the State Fire Marshall’s approval. Council discussed with Lucas to have MSA check out the slope on the driveway and where the water would go with the new incline.

9. Resolutions: Two new resolutions presented to the council. First one is for the fire lane and gives the city permission to tow the cars away and to put up no parking signs. $300.00 fine for parking in the tow away zone. Resolution 19-05 resolved by Council member Golias and Seconded by Council member Perron.

Passed 5-0.

Second resolution for snow plowing and we copied what Mendota Heights had for their snow removal. No one can park on the street if more than two inches have fallen. Resolution 19-06 resolved by Council Member Golias and Seconded by Council Member Perron. Passed 5-0

10. Mendota Mdewakanton discussion: John LaClare introduced himself and he had a proposal. The city of Mendota to sell the Mdewakanton their playground and the Mdewakanton and the city of Mendota, would build a rec center / office space. The Mdewakanton has a financer that would help them with this project.

Two story building, and put a gymnasium where the volley ball court is. The council asked if there was any other property for sale like on Main Street, but John said no. They talked to the plumbing company which is owned by Bard Flowers and the fence company and the building next door. No one is interested in selling. They also checked into the Dupuis house and the Church about purchasing some land there too. The Church is looking into it. Discussion was continued about where to build and what to do. The Mdewakanton need to have the property figured out by June 1st. They don’t have to take possession of the property by October in order to get the grant money.

11. Public Comments: 8:18 pm Two woman introduced themselves missed the first woman’s name but her sister was Michele. She has written up a plan and has gotten her funding available to open up a bed and breakfast in Mendota. Six to eight rooms, and what brought her here was the small town atmosphere. She has investigated the history of the town and loves that Henry Sibley lived here. The walking path takes you to Axels and Lucky 13. She wants to know if the town is interested in something like this. She is interested in Tracy Wilcziek’s property and there are so many issues about the property. Tracy owns some of the property and the city owns some of the property. There needs to be a survey done of the property and a title search. Lucas mentioned there are bluff setbacks. They will have a web site for people to look up their bed and breakfast, this would be high end. Closed public comment at 8:32 pm.

12. Council comments 8:32 PM Council member Rasmussen had nothing. Council member Golias had nothing Mayor Mielke stated that he had the mail on the table. And that next week he had a meeting with West St Paul, Lilydale, and Mendota Heights in reference to the Yellow Ribbon project. Honoring Veterans and he will get more information about that. Council member Donnelly had nothing. Council Member Perron talked about the slide. Neighbor asked about putting in a patio and if there were any zoning problems. It will be a brick patio, ground level, so no restrictions.

Closed Council comments 8:37 pm

13. Staff Comments: 8:37 pm. Lucas stated on his way in to the meeting he stopped on Windy Ridge and noticed that they installed the erosion control. So there is no bare dirt anymore. And it looks like the infiltration basin is still draining. Lucas sent an update on Hwy 13, he got an e-mail from MNDOT. Molly wanted to know if Plan 2 was still a go for Hwy 13 that was discussed last year and at the Mendota Picnic. After this is completed they will do another speed study to see if MN DOT would be able to reduce the speed through town again. The Comp plan is ready to discuss again, so we will need to post this for a public hearing for the next meeting and a resolution will need to be done. Then we will need to hear from the other municipalities. In the mean time you can look on the website to see how far the Comp Plan has come. We will also need to do a public hearing for the MS4 Permit that we have. It would give Residents a chance to comment or if they have any concerns. Captain Wegener stated that the last thirty days they have been monitoring the river and the flooding situation. There was one situation with some recent theft from some vehicles and found out it was a homeless man living on the trail. A resident called it in, and he was caught on Victoria Curve and Hwy 62. Tom suggested that we pass the public hearings at the next meeting. So we will need public hearings for the Comp plan and the MS4 so stated by Council Member Golias and Seconded by Council Member Perron, all in favor 5-0. No need for the closed session. We need to get the planning commission going. And that we are extra serious of having this planning commission get started so that they can stop in and check on the development and report to the council. Mrs. Miller suggested that maybe we should ask Mendota Heights. City Clerk Kathy stated that the new street signs were installed. Street sweeping has been scheduled. Pot holes will be fixed, so if you have any holes in front of your home, please let the clerk know. The Sibley house would like to have their “After Hours” event starting in May, and are asking for approval for the temporary liquor license applications, so that they can serve liquor. Joan said that she still has a lake and the culvert seems to be plugged. It needs to be widened. Staff Comments closed at 8:59 pm

14. Adjourn: 9:00 pm Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Donnelly, seconded by Council Member Perron. Motioned passed 5-0