**City Of Mendota**

**Dakota County Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**Held Tuesday July 9, 2013**

**Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the City Council, City of Mendota, Minnesota**

**was held at 7:30 pm at the Mendota VFW 1323 Sibley Memorial Hwy Mendota, Minnesota.**

**Present:** Mayor: Brian Mielke

Council Members: Joan Perron, Erick Lehet , Alan Ralston and Josh Lee.

**Also Present:** Police Chief: Mike Aschenbrener, Building Official: David Neameyer, City Attorney: Tom Lehmann, City Clerk: KimberLee West. BDM Engineering and Consulting: Brian Miller, Public Petitioner: Joan Neilson and resident Carl Robinette.

**1.**  **Mayor Brian Mielke opened the City Council Meeting at 7:33pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Minutes:** It was moved (by Lee/ Ralston) to approve the June 11th, 2013 minutes as presented. Passed 5-0.

**Agenda:** The agenda was approved with the following additions: Report from BDM Engineer, Brian Miller added as 2B, and a variance for the evening band on Mendota Day added as 3B. Street lights payment of $377.73 and Biffs payment of $33.11. Motioned by Lee seconded by Ralston. Passed 5-0.

**2. Treasure’s Report:** Motioned by Perron seconded by Lee to pay the bills. Passed 5-0.

**General Fund Disbursements:**

Met Council-monthly wastewater charge $ 1,268.12

Eckberg & Lammers-monthly attorney fee $ 2,000.00

Kim Perron-snow removal $ 832.50

City of Mendota Heights-monthly police & fire $ 7,938.61

State of MN-rent for Benson Metals $ 140.00

Xcel Energy-jail lights $ 11.22

Xcel Energy-street lights $ 377.73

PERA-June contribution/filed electronically $ 114.74

KimberLee West-clerks salary June $ 706.41

KimberLee West-clerks expense- June-phone, garbage bags $ 41.04

David Olin-mowing $ 710.00

Curb to Curb-street sweeping $ 1,150.00

IRS- 2nd Quarter Taxes/filed electronically $ 443.15

State of MN-2nd Quarter Taxes/filed electronically $ 44.73

Biffs $ 33.11

**Total Disbursements: $15,811.36**

Transfer from Sewer Fund $1,268.12 to General Fund for wastewater bill.

It was motioned by Perron/Lee to **Approve payment for the above disbursements and transfer.**

**2B. BDM Report:** Brian Miller from BDM Engineering and Consulting reported on the storm water run-off from Windy Ridge, the Apostles Church lot, Highway 13 and the frontage road into Duckson Ravine. Brian Miller presented the council with pictures from 2007 and 2009 showing the ravine. Miller says there is not much change from the2007/2009 photos to now, it is living up to expectations he says. The ravine requires basic maintenance. He also says there is no more reason for the city to be involved it is between the two land owner’s now. City Attorney Tom Lehmann will send a formal letter of Miller’s findings to the landowner.

**3. Mendota Day**: Council member Erick Lehet says the American Legion is selling food at the VFW. Lehet would like to get into the jail to clean it up. Council member Lee will post no parking signs along the parade route.

**3B. Mendota Day Variance**: A variance to allow music to play until 1 a.m. on Mendota Day was motioned by Council member Lee seconded by Ralston. Passed 4-0. (Lee abstains)

**4. Public Comment** was opened for discussion at 8:08 p.m.

A petition to vacate portion of First Street was presented by Joan Neilson for lot owner Jim Toye. Toye is asking for the unused First Street because there is very little access to his property and by adding this area to his property will allow him to sell the property. Toye has also asked John Benson to vacate a portion of land, Neilson says Benson has agreed. A Public Hearing will be held at the August 13, 2013 city council meeting on vacating First Street.

**Public Comment was closed at 8:30 p.m.**

**5. Council Comment was opened at 8:30 p.m.**

**Council member Erick Lehet:** Mendota Day

**Council member Josh Lee**: would like to put a new net on the Basketball Hoop at Veteran’s Park.

**Council member Alan Ralston:** would like mosquito’s to be sprayed for before Mendota Day. Lehet commented they were sprayed for 3 weeks ago. Ralston motioned the city spend no more $250.00 to have mosquito control spray, seconded by Perron. Passed 5-0.

Ralston would like to borrow the city’s recycling containers for a Car Show the weekend of July 20, 2013.

**Mayor Brian Mielke:** says there are a lot of dead trees on D Street, they need to be removed.

**Council member Joan Perron:** says she can get the sand piles by the volleyball court moved and leveled out.

**Council Comment was closed at 8:45 p.m.**

**6. Staff Comment:**

Building Official David Neameyer says there was a permit for a fence and pergola. Otherwise it was a slow month.

Police Chief Mike Aschenbrener says operation Big Box will take place on July 26, 2013. Volunteers are needed to make this exercise a success.

City Attorney no report.

City Clerk KimberLee West says the first half of taxes have been received in the amount of $72,793.53

And that she will work on a draft of next year’s budget to be shown at next month’s meeting.

**Staff Comment was closed at 8:54 p.m.**

**7. There being no further business, it was moved by Ralston and seconded by Lehet to adjourn the city council meeting at 8:55 p.m.**