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

**December 10, 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 Mielke. Council members Joan Perron, Steve Golias, Clark Donnelly and Melody Rasmussen. City Attorney, Mr. Loonan, City Clerk, Kathy Krotter. Engineer, Lucas Jones. Captain Wegener. Building official, Mike Andrejka.

4. Agenda: Change number 6 to Tax Levy and remove Mike, Building Official. Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Golias and seconded by Council member Perron. Motion passed 5-0

5. Approval of November 12, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve minutes with the correction of Page 1 R J Daughters Storm water Mitigation system is, not storm water. When referring to the Millers, need to include the first name. Approved by Council Member Golias and seconded by Council Member Donnelly. Motion passed 5-0

6. Treasurer’s Report: Motion to move to pay the bills by Council Member Donnelly and Seconded by Council Member Perron. Approved 5-0

7. Tax Levy: Tax Levy was set at $150,200.00 and Dakota County said we could decrease it by $14,830 dollars. We all saw an increase in our city portion of our taxes and this would relieve it some to do this. Final tax levy will be $135,370.00.

Motion to approve by Council Member Golias, Seconded by Council Member Donnelly. Approved 5-0

8. R J Daughters update: Mr. Ray Miller was not present so Lucas spoke and stated that it had been pretty quiet up there since we approved the permit. One of the new neighbors called Lucas and asked about Lot 1, so Lucas went out to take a look at it and the foundation is in and it looks pretty sound. The new building is close to the storm water feature, but they have done some heavy duty water proofing and drain tile. Mayor Mielke asked some questions about the new home, if it would be flush with the other 3 homes. Council member Golias asked about the utilities and asked where they ran, Lucas stated they run right down the middle, the water goes outside of the pond, but the sewer does go underneath the pond. There is some sediment building up and Lucas suggested that Ray Miller have that cleaned out. Ray Miller and his engineer have a solution to stop that and have found a different sand. Ray Miller e-mailed Mayor Mielke about plowing the road to lot 5. Lance did it before but the Taylors paid for it. But it is not city property so the city is not responsible. Council Member Donnelly brought up the tree plan, and that we should come up with a solution that would make all the parties on board. Ray Miller needs to draw up a plan and have the neighbors agree. Mayor Mielke will contact Ray Miller and have him come with a tree plan, Ray Miller needs to invite the neighbors and straighten this out. Ray Miller just needs to get input, he does not have to make the neighbors happy.

9: Public Comments: 7:48 pm. Andy Campbell introduced himself and stated that he is interested in buying the property at 1264 Sibley Memorial Hwy. Easement, the garage structure is on City property. Mayor Mielke stated that the city would sell the property, but Mr. Bob Hop would like to also buy part of that lot to protect his interest and his property. Whoever buys the property should talk with a real estate attorney. The street could be vacated as stated by Tom Loonan. The city also has bluff setbacks. There was an existing lot and would the new owner be grandfathered in. Would it be possible to have an apartment above the garage? There are height restrictions of 35 feet. Another resident commented on how dark the street is from the VFW to Luckys on that side of the street. Is the city responsible for lighting on the street? Speed limit at 35, it should be 30 or 25. Public comment closed at 8:05pm

10. Council Comments 8:05 pm Council member Rasmussen has nothing, Council member Golias nothing. Mayor Mielke has mail, asked about snow shoveling and if everyone was on top of it. So far so good. Council member Donnelly suggested a police officer appreciation day. Something could be done at the VFW, for the fire department and police department. Council Member Perron mentioned that the Christmas tree is on all the time. Council comment closed at 8:10 pm

11. Staff Comments: 8:10 pm Captain mentioned that it has been a pretty quiet month. Seventeen incidents in the city of Mendota and 2 incidents with case numbers. One with a car that was broken into at Axels and the other a traffic stop. The one where he was trying to run from the cops and hit the guard rail on second and Hwy 13. Mayor Mielke mentioned that the gates are open on D Street and someone has removed the locks, so the mayor would like to replace the locks and give keys to the police and fire. Lucas spent an amount of time with Representative Hansen and getting paperwork done for the city to work on the bond. Mayor Mielke said that Representative Hansen mentioned a resolution with the items listed to be signed by the Council and Mayor so that he could move forward with the bond. Representative Hansen also asked for some quotes of water to come to the city and he could spread it over a four year time period. Mr. Loonan had nothing except the stuff we talked about tonight. City Clerk Krotter had one thing that was the final signature for Dakota County Recycling program. Staff comment closed at 8:17pm.

12. Adjourn: 8:17 pm Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Donnelly. Seconded by Council member Golias.