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

**February 9, 2021**

**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. City Attorney, Tom Loonan, City Clerk, Kathy Krotter. Captain Wegener. Engineer Lucas Jones. Building official, Mike Andrejka.

4. Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Council member Perron and seconded by Council member Rasmussen. Approved 5-0.

5. Approval of January 12, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve last month’s minutes. With corrections on page two census and the numbers instead of his. Approved by Council member Perron and seconded by Council member Rasmussen. Approved 5-0.

6. Treasurer’s Report: Motion to move to pay the bills by Council member Golias and seconded by Council member Donnelly. Approved 5-0

7. Building Official report Mike Andrejka: Mike had nothing. No permits, no activity.

8. Presentation from Mike Crosby –Mendota Point: Mr. Crosby passed out maps and diagrams of the project for Mendota Point. Mr. Crosby stated that this was a brain storming session. Page 2 has the plans on it that were submitted some time ago. That plan shows 57 apartment units. Mr. Crosby was brought into the project as a consulting agent. Mr. Crosby is longtime friends with Jerry Greenfield and Mr. Schmidt. They were both out of town. Mr. Crosby stated that he has done a lot of research on this site and has been doing projects like this for thirty years. With apartment projects, residential projects, and commercial projects. What Mr. Crosby has concluded is that the original project of 57 units does not work for them. Mr. Crosby understands that parking is a big issue. So they have investigated into the mechanical parking. Now the plan shows that they can accommodate 100 parking spots, all below grade. So plan A shows the plan that was submitted before, with the exception of adding another level that would get them to 75 units. So if this doesn’t work plan B would be three levels but the unit sizes would change dramatically to micro units. The units would market airline employees, VA employees, and first time home buyers. The units would not be apartment rentals they would be for sale, owner, and occupant condominiums. They want to propose a roof top swimming pool, an exercise room and a party room. Every unit would have one parking stall. The cities rules for height on any building is 35 feet which is set by numerous government agencies based by the river bill. (Mississippi river valley.) Project was discussed by council and Mr. Crosby. Mr. Loonan mentioned that the street has been vacated by the city already. DJR had contact with MN Dot about access to the highway. Mr. Loonan asked about waiting for the cars to be parked. Mr. Crosby said it works in 8 seconds, punch in the code and the car is gone. The new parking underground is expensive, about 18 thousand dollars a space. People would drive in on the east side of the building for parking. Maria asked what happens if the power goes out, Mr. Crosby said there will be a generator. Mr. Crosby asked if they would proceed with their project to the planning commission. Mr. Loonan stated that he is setting up a zoom meeting with the planning commission to discuss their plans. Lucas spoke on the sewer and water situation and stated that the hook up was close to the project, and there should be no problems there.

9. Public Comments: 7:58 pm. Closed public comment at 7:58 pm

10. Council Comments: 7:59 pm Council member Rasmussen, nothing. Council member Golias, nothing. Council member Perron, nothing, Council member Donnelly, nothing. Mayor Mielke stated he had the mail and that he attended the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program meeting. Still working on the permit to get the yellow ribbon signs put on our population signs at each end of town. Closed council comments at 8:00 pm

11. Staff Comments: 8:01 pm Captain Wegener stated that he didn’t have anything to report today, everything was status quo and 2021 has started out good. Captain stated he would take any questions. Council member Golias asked if there had been any car jacking’s in our jurisdictions. Captain stated no. Stolen vehicles and dumped but in most cases the keys are left in the car.

Lucas and his staff are working on the MS4 permit for the city. Lucas stated that the city clerk passed on the annual survey on what MSA has done for the MS4 permit, and we have more to report this year than last year. Lucas stated that Kathy and himself are working on the PPL (project priority list application for the water system) to apply for scoring on where we would qualify for funding. Lucas stated that Kathy attended a webinar that MSA had based on making an attractive presentation for funding. Also one on stimulus money for shovel ready and shovel worthy projects. Lucas contacted Dakota County about the private well survey and to let residents know what they quality for, like the closing of their wells, when city water comes through. Mayor Mielke asked about the 2040 Comp Plan. It has been submitted for comments, but not finally submitted to Met Council. Lucas stated that we need to submit a water shred management plan, which was added to the comp plan.

City clerk Krotter got a bid from Village lawn. And asked if we should continue with them or find someone new. Kathy has been working on the business and liquor licenses, only waiting on two. Historic Oak and Everyday living along with a check from Waste Management. Checked the website before the meeting and all three businesses have been approved for liquor licenses. City clerk stated that she received an e-mail from the city of Mendota Heights about a property in Mendota that is a nuisance. Clerk will be sending a letter.

Mr. Loonan spoke to Swanson Haskamp and he is working on a meeting with Mr. Crosby. Also told Swanson, Haskamp about the RFP about the ordinance and zoning stuff, so they will be working on a bid. And the last thing was the nuisance complaint. As of right now we will be sending a letter out to the residents to let them know. We will need to set a date when the property needs to be cleaned up then if nothing gets done, we would or could have the city clean it up and charge it back to the residents. Went over the ordinance. You can have vehicles in your yard but they can just not be parked on the grass. Closed staff comment at 8:14pm

12. Adjourn: 8:15 pm Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council member Donnelly. Seconded by Council member Golias. Approved 5-0