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

**January 14, 2020**

**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: Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Rasmussen and seconded by Council member Perron. Motion passed 5-0

5. Approval of December 10, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve minutes with the correction of Page 2 be on board. Number 8 Mr. Mielke will get a hold of Mr. Ray Miller and have him come up with a tree plan. The neighbors need to be included. The neighbors can add their input but does not need their approval. Mr. Loonan stated that The development agreement states that he needs to include the neighbors, but does not need the approval of the neighbors. Number 9 city grandfathered in? Add? Approved by Council Member Rasmussen and seconded by Council Member Perron. Motion passed 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: Issued two did not close any. Is there any reason Mike should not issue a CO. Mr. Loonan talled with the fire Marshall and the NO Parking signs for fire lane can be installed.

8. R J Daughters update: R J Daughters tree plan. There are American elm trees on site and they are temporarily planted so they don’t go dormant during the winter. We don’t know where they are to be planted. Trees cannot be planted until the ground has thawed.

9. AMVets and VFW: Jim Grob spoke and stated that the VFW’s gambling manager has stepped down due to medical reasons. And the VFW has asked the AMvets to take the gambling over for them. The state statute requires that they get approval from the city to switch it over. Due to the urgency of him leaving, Mr. Grob asked that if the city approves this, that we sign the paperwork cause the state only licenses on the first of the month. So shooting for February 1st.

Mayor Mielke asked if there would be any changes. Mr. Grob said no. The only thing that will be added is electronic tablets at the bar. Council member Donnelly asked if this was the plan moving forward or until they found someone else. Mr. Grob would step in and stay in the position unless the VFW got someone else to handle the position and then Mr. Grob would step down. But unfortunately the younger people are not stepping up and are not members of the organization. There will be no changes, Bingo and tabs will still be sold. Mr. Loonan introduced himself and asked that the change would be from the VFW to the Amvets. The VFW will send a letter of resignation into the state and the AMVets will send the new application in to take over the position. The city did a resolution for the approval, the resolution will be 20-03. Mr. Loonan read the resolution and a motion was passed by Council Member Golias and seconded by Council member Perron. Approved 5-0

10: Resolution for City Appointments: Mayor Mielke read off the appointments. Resolution 20-01 Resolved by Council member Rasmussen and seconded by Council Member Perron. Approved 5-0

11: Public Comments: 8:00 pm. Closed public comment at 8:01 pm

12. Council Comments 8:01 pm Council member Rasmussen has nothing, Council member Golias thanked Lance for the great job of plowing. Mayor Mielke has mail. Mayor Mielke said he attended the yellow ribbon meeting Tuesday January 7 and is officially the new Vice Chair. Council member Donnelly had nothing. Council Member Perron nothing. Council comment closed at 8:02 pm

13. Staff Comments: 8:02 pm Captain had year to date totals for Mendota. December 2019 we had 20 calls, 4 which turned into cases. In the year 2019- 339 total calls with 39 of these being with some sort of criminal cases. Council member Donnelly stated that he has a new person living with him from another country her name is Monica from Columbia. Lucas stated that the Mayor was going to talk to St Paul Water about getting a tighter cost estimated on water coming into Mendota and that if the mayor needed any help he was there for us. Mayor Mielke stated that he did receive a call last week from the governor’s office and they made a 30 million dollar bonding acceptance and Mendota was not included in the bond. Lucas also stated that he sent out surveys for us to fill out on how MSA and Lucas are doing. Mr. Loonan stated that he did talk to Tracy and the gentleman interested in his property had been at the meeting. But so far no response. Tracy said he was going to work with that buyer. Has not heard anything back. Mr. Loonan has also heard from Beth Miller and the planning commission is up and running. The plan is to get an initial meeting on the books with the consultants that the city has approved. So then the planning commission can bring to the council a more refined and finished project outline of the new developments to the city council. City Clerk Kathy has a resolution from the CDBG to get money for our ordinance and to have them updated. Resolution 20-02 adopted by Council member Perron Seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Approved 5-0 Staff comment closed at 8:14pm.

14. Adjourn: 8:14 pm Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Donnelly. Seconded by Council member Golias.