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

**July 14, 2020**

**Mendota VFW 1323 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota Minnesota**

1. Call to order: Deputy Mayor Golias called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Present: Deputy Mayor Golias, Council members Joan Perron, and Melody Rasmussen. City Attorney, Chris Nelson, City Clerk, Kathy Krotter, Engineer, Lucas Jones, Captain Wegener and Building official, Mike Andrejka. Absent Mayor Mielke, Council Member Clark Donnelly and City Attorney Tom Loonan.

4. Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Perron and seconded by Council Member Rasmussen.

5. Approval of June 9, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve last month’s minutes with a few minor adjustments by Council Member Perron and seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Approved 3-0

6. Treasurer’s Report: Motion to move to pay the bills by Council Member Perron and Seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Approved 3-0

7. Building Official report Mike Andrejka: Issued two. None closed. Business has been slow. The property at 1346 Sibley Memorial Hwy was working without a permit and Mike got one from them today (July 14, 2020).

8. Public hearing for SWPPP MS4 permit: Public hearing opened at 7:38pm. Lucas explained what the SWPPP MS4 permit is. SWPPP stands for Storm water Pollution Prevention Plan. Even though Mendota is only 200 people the MPCA has given Mendota permission to operate their own MS4 permit. Lucas has a 40 page document that people are welcome to look through. And his position is to answer any questions that we may have. Close public hearing at 7:41pm.

9. New development project for Mendota: Council member Golias was asked to give a small report on a meeting he had. The gentleman that e-mailed and called about the meeting was Jeff Olson. The book Council Member Golias has says HMT Consulting. They talked about a re development for downtown Mendota. They have a plan that they never really got a chance to talk about because they wanted it to be a TIF (Tax increment financing) district. The plan has a growth of ten times the number of people, which already live in Mendota. This would increase our utilities and the sewer system. Would this kind of growth work with what we have now. It would involve a new pump and force main for the sewer system. Increase costs with the police and fire department. The new developers want to purchase a lot of land from the city. If the people want to sell that’s fine but if they don’t the developers want the city to make them leave, Council member Golias says he is not for that. Council member Golias had plans that show 5 and 6 story condos. There are apartment buildings and shopping malls. New streets that are non-existent now. The only buildings they wanted to keep on main street were Lucky 13 and Axels. Benson Metals would be a hotel. So the meeting ended and left on a sour note because they did not want to hear what Council Member Golias had to say. They had a Plan A and a Plan B. A parking ramp was changed from 250 spots to 75 spots. Tom Loonan the cities Lawyer was there also with Council member Golias. Anyone can come up and take a look at the plans.

10. Mdewakanton presentation: John LaClare gave a map of the city of Mendota the way it looked years ago. The city presented a letter of appreciation and John thanked us for that. Lorena Weaver has a presentation for the council. Lorena is a long time resident of the city of Mendota and belongs to the Mdewakanton tribal community. They need to raise money through grants and maybe combine capital grants for a building that would house the city of Mendota offices and for the Mdewakanton offices and meeting rooms. Part of the ownership of a building would involve operating costs and maybe we could get a grant for that also. They have an opportunity to get a 250K or 300k grant from Best Buy as part of their capital campaign. As long as they get matching grants. There are three ways to do this. One is to have a combined capital grant, two would be a combined operating grant and the third would be fundraisers. Many of the families here now are from the Native Americans that lived here. The request is to talk about it, consider it, and discuss it.

11: Public Comments: 8:16 pm. Closed public comment at 8:17 pm

12. Council Comments 8:17 pm Council member Rasmussen has nothing, Council member Perron has nothing, Council member Golias stated that Mayor Mielke probably had the mail. Council member Golias stated that he was thankful everyone listened to him tonight and it was his personal feelings and not the council as a whole about the development that Mr. Olson talked to him about. Close council comments at 8:18 pm.

13. Staff Comments: 8:18 pm Mike and Council member Golias talked about which home would be done first up on Windy Ridge’s new development. He is thinking number 1. Captain stated the front lobby opened July 6th. Business as usual. In June Mendota has 15 cases or calls. Two of them had case numbers. Mendota Bridge was closed down for 14 hours Monday. No physical harm to the woman. No television helicopters were allowed in. Mendota Heights just assisted with the perimeter because it was not in Dakota County.

Lucas mentioned that there was lots going on with Mendota. Lucas stated that the city clerk helped with the MS4 report. Lucas gave his report on the culverts inspection, there are 25 culverts, 11 are in poor condition, 8 could not be located, but with the help of a metal detector they were buried under driveways or closed up. The rest of the culverts were ok or in good condition. Lucas has a report and gave the clerk the hard copy. The city clerk sent Lucas an e mail about the Dakota County Ground water planning effort and they are open for public comment. Lucas thought if someone has some interest in it he would look at it and it is over 100 pages of reading. Anyone can comment. This does not really impact the city per Lucas. Lucas did his first part of his deposition with the Windy Ridge dispute. He had another day tomorrow the 15th.

Attorney Nelson filled in for Tom Loonan and had nothing.

City clerk Krotter thanked everyone for helping for the Mendota clean-up day. It turned out awesome.

Staff comment closed at 8:35 pm.

14. Adjourn: 8:35 pm Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Rasmussen. Seconded by Council Member Perron. 3-0 passed.