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

**June 9, 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, and Melody Rasmussen. City Attorney, Tom Loonan, City Clerk, Kathy Krotter. Engineer, Lucas Jones. Captain Wegener. Building official, Mike Andrejka. Absent Council Member Clark Donnelly

4. Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Golias and seconded by Council Member Perron. Adding number 7, letter from MN Dot. Approved 4-0

5. Approval of May 12, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve last month’s minutes with a few minor adjustments by Council Member Golias and seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Approved 4-0

6. Treasurer’s Report: Motion to move to pay the bills by Council Member Golias and Seconded by Council Member Perron. Approved 4-0

7. Building Official report Mike Andrejka: Issued one. Last two homes on Windy Ridge are moving along #1 and #6. Any issues that need to be resolved with R J Daughters before Mike can issue a CO. Number 5 is almost complete, they planted the trees but no grass yet.

8. Lease Agreement for MN Dot: Tom Loonan stated that MN Dot sent out a new lease agreement for the property next to Minnesota Metals that is leased to Benson Metals. Two year lease until May 31, 2022, Rent has increased from 165.00 to 175.50. Motion to approve by Council Member Golias and seconded by Council Member Perron. Approved 4-0

9: Public Comments: 7:45 pm. Carl mentioned the trees over by Second St and Hwy 13 where you drive into town seemed to be dead. The trees should be removed before they fall down. Carl has noticed cars speeding by on Second and E Street. On Third St cars drive into the apartments at all times of the night and they do not stay long, seems to be a lot more traffic up at the apartments than usual. Closed public comment at 7:47 pm

11. Council Comments 7:47 pm Council member Rasmussen has nothing, Council member Golias has nothing. Mayor Mielke had some mail and went to the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program on June 2nd. They are looking for donations. Emerald Ash bore trees, one of Mayor Mielke’s neighbors has one and it is completely dead. Mayor Mielke did some research on the removal of Emerald Ash Trees and came across a website and there are some programs and grants available for them to do the special bark removal, to take down the tree. Mr. Reynolds stated that they want the bark taken off and the only programs they have is that they will subsidize treatment but not removal. Council member Perron asked about the culvert at the corner of Second and Hwy 13, it was full of mud and rocks from the mud slide that happened the week before. When MN Dot fixes the road, they will take care of the culvert. Pot holes with Alan Biebel. Close council comments at 7:51 pm.

12. Staff Comments: 7:51 pm Captain reported that is has been bananas since March and he will answer any questions that anyone might have. The police have activated their mobile field force with the civil arrest and have joined forces with Dakota County, St Paul, Ramsey, and Washington Counties. No incidents in Mendota, Mendota Heights or Lilydale. As far as civil arrest go, Mendota Heights has been helping other agencies. West St Paul had some protests the first week and Mendota Heights assisted in helping them. Mendota Heights has set up their EOC and their emergency operation center and it has been up for a week and is operational 24 hours. The police help assist our neighboring jurisdictions and agencies as they are requested when Mendota Heights has felt they had the resources to do so. The Coronavirus is still going on and the police department is still closed to the public. Looking to open up the public facing side in July. Council member Golias asked is all the Officers were ok, Captain stated yes, Council member Golias asked mentally, and Captain stated yes, it has taken a toll on everyone, but if anyone needs to talk they have services for that too. Council member Golias asked what would happen if Minneapolis did get defunded. Captain explained the different situations but stated that Mendota, Lilydale and Mendota Heights would be taken care of first. In place where there is no police, the sheriff’s department takes over. Mayor Mielke asked how many cars are patrolling on an average night. Captain stated 2 per shift the officers used to work 12 hour shifts but work 10 hour shifts now. There is shift overlap especially on the afternoon to overnight shifts. Usually 5 hours of overlap with a minimum of 4 cars.

Lucas reached out to MNDot about the water main, since most of it would be on their property to start picking their brain on if there was anything specific we needed to avoid or consider. Lucas reached out to Dave Post due to water in his basement. They talked a little bit and Dave has Lucas’ number to reach out. Tom did not have a whole lot going on with Mendota. Still under the emergency declaration that the city adopted in March. City clerk had nothing, everything was discussed earlier. Mayor Mielke stated that the culvert on D Street and Second Street has collapsed and wonder what we should do. Lucas asked if the Mayor knew the size, but he did not. Lucas said it could be cut out, cleaned out and compacted. Lucas said that we could wait until it caused a problem or washed out. Lucas also stated that as part of the MS4 permit it could be inspected and this would show the MS4 that we are looking into water quality. Inspections are done on a routine basis to know where things are. The Mayor asked if Lucas knew how much an inspection would cost. Lucas thought maybe about two hundred dollars depending on how many. Looks like there might be 30 of them. Staff comment closed at 8:14 pm.

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