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

**May 12, 2020**

**Phone Conference**

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Perron and seconded by Council Member Donnelly. Motion passed 5-0

5. Approval of April 14, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes: No corrections needed. Motion to approve minutes by Council Member Perron and seconded by Council Member Donnelly. Motion passed 5-0

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

7. Building Official report Mike Andrejka: absent

8. Public Comments: 7:32 pm. Closed public comment at 7:32 pm

9. Council Comments 7:33 pm Council member Rasmussen nothing.

Council member Golias nothing.

Mayor Mielke stated that Lucas and he were on site to inspect the location of the tree planting. Two trees were added to make it eleven instead of nine. They are American elm trees. Mayor Mielke did attend a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program at Lilydale Hall on May 5th The sendoff for the National Guard has been cancelled. Mayor Mielke also received news from Rick Hansen that the house passed the bill for our water main extension and the $50,000 for the pressure valve reducer. For a total of $740,000. So $690,000 would be for the water and the $50,000 would be for the pressure valve. But the only way the $690,000 would work is if we raised the other $230,000 in any way. Since we don’t have that kind of money we are looking to sell an obligation bond like we did with the failure of D Street, so Mayor Mielke planted a seed in Janet Allen’s ear at First Resource bank that this is what the city is looking for. And reached out to Brent at St Paul Water and he gave a list and links to approved contractors. Also talked to Lucas. If the senate and governor signs off then we are a go. How much to hook up? Could be about $5000.00 dollars. Lucas stated the ship has sailed for this year to start the water main project. So it would probably be next year.

Council Member Perron nothing.

Council Member Clark nothing but it seems like a great time to be issuing bonds.

Council comment closed at 7:41 pm

 10. Staff Comments: 7:41 pm Lucas said it has been pretty quiet for him except for what we have already been talking about. Tree planting and the water project extension, and Lucas can look into funding opportunities and start getting ready for next year. There could be a chance to get low interest loans or grant dollars as well if the timeline works out. Mayor stated it only could not be state dollars.

Nothing Windy Ridge related.

Tom Loonan stated that Windy Ridge Home owner’s association president was supposed to come on. The big news that Tom has was that people have been reaching out very casually about potential developments in the city and people are looking towards Mendota for those opportunities. So now would be a good idea to get working on the planning committee and get them started again. The litigation and depositions are on hold.

Captain Wegener, they are on a status quo and we haven’t changed any processes or how the police handle phone calls from the last meeting, but he will answer any questions that anyone might have.

City clerk Kathy asked if anyone had heard any complaints about the street sweeping. None. When we were talking about pot holes and Alan Biebel the clerk mentioned that she received a call from a woman at MN Dot about the man hole cover by the post office and Minnesota Metals. The concrete around the hole is coming lose and the city needs to repair that. MN Dot takes care of storm water man holes but not sanitary sewers and this one is a sanitary sewer man hole. Lucas said if it is not too bad just take out the old cement and put in new.

Mayor stated that he looked on the Secretary state website and the filing date for city offices are to be sent in between July 28th and August 11th. If there is a primary it is May 19th thru June 2nd. Tom Loonan was going to look into it.

Staff comment closed at 7:50 pm.

11. Adjourn: 7:54 pm Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Donnelly. Seconded by Council member Golias.