**Dakota County Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**held Tuesday October 14, 2014**

**Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the City Council, City of Mendota, Minnesota**

**held at 7:30 pm at the Mendota VFW 1323 Sibley Memorial Hwy Mendota, Minnesota**

**Present –** Mayor Brian Mielke, Council Members; Alan Ralston, Joan Perron and Melody Rasmussen, Building Official; Mike Andrejka, City Attorney; Tom Lehmann, Chief of Police; Mike Aschenbrener and City Clerk; KimberLee West.

**Absent:** Councilmember Erick Lehet

**1. Mayor Mielke opened the City Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**A moment of Silence was held for resident Pamela Duckson who passed away September 13, 2014.**

**Minutes - Motion by Councilmember Ralston, seconded by Councilmember Perron to approve the**

**September 9, 2014 City Council Minutes. Passed 4-0.**

**Agenda –** **Motion by Councilmember Ralston, seconded by Councilmember Perron, to approve the agenda as presented. Passed 4-0.**

**2. Treasurer’s Report -** Transfer $1,995.78 from Sewer Fund to General Fund for McDonough’s bill and wastewater bill. Transfer $10,000 from MM Fund to General Fund to maintain the General Fund balance. **Motion** **by Councilmember Ralston, seconded by Councilmember Perron, to approve the above transfers. Passed 4-0.**

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**Motion by Councilmember Perron, seconded by Councilmember Ralston to pay the October bills.**

**Passed 4-0.**

**4. Braun Update** – MSA representative Jon Herdegen told the Council that soil testing will take place in early to mid-November. Herdegen said Upper D Street could be opened to an 11ft. one lane pass through. Clerk West will contact Alan Bebel to clear the road of the sediment. Road Commissioner, Dan Dahlberg will be on site when Bebel does the work.

Herdegen explained that a jersey barrier or barrels with flashing lights could be put in place to keep traffic away from the broken edge of the road. Herdegen added that a jersey barrier is heavier than the barrels and the geotechnical study will tell if the road can hold the weight. Garbage trucks, FedEx and UPS trucks will need to access the homes on 2nd Street from the bottom of D Street. Herdegen said snow plowing will need to be done carefully. Clerk West will contact Highland Sanitation, UPS and FedEx to inform them of a route change.

Herdegen told the council that rented signs could be placed on Upper D Street that say “Local Traffic Only, Cars Only and Weight Limits”. Herdegen will get 2 quotes for the rental of the signs.

Residents questioned how emergency vehicles will gain access to their homes. Chief Aschenbrener explained that police and fire have a preplanned route in case of emergencies.

**5. Budget-** A discussion was held on the 2015 preliminary budget. Councilmembers would like to raise the liquor license fee. A public hearing will be held at the November 11, 2014 City Council Meeting to hear public comment on the issue. Clerk West will send letters to the 2 business in the City of Mendota that will be effected by the change.

**6. Resolution 14-10 -** JPA with Dakota County on CommunityFunding. Each year the City of Mendota enters into an agreement with Dakota County in order to receive recycling funds. The $1000 dollars is used to educate and inform residents on recycling. This information is found in city newsletters and on the city website. **Motion by Councilmember Perron, seconded by Councilmember Ralston to agree to the terms in the JPA with Dakota County. Passed 4-0.**

**7. Resolution 14-11 –** A resolution of Ordinance 2010-02 to be extended until October 31, 2015, where the City of Mendota Mayor and Council Persons shall receive no salary. **Motion by Councilmember Ralston, seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen extending Ordinance 2010-02 until October 31, 2015. Passed 4-0.**

**8. Public Comment –** opened at 8:12 p.m.

Resident Mark Proctor asked the council how the city will find the funds to pay for upper D Street. Mayor Mielke said the city will pay for the fix and be reimbursed by the State of Minnesota. The State should cover 75 percent of the cost. Proctor is concerned this will drag into next year.

Resident Carl Robinette asked when the playground will be finished. Clerk West said we are waiting for the slide to be repaired.

Resident Kathy Krotter thanked the city for its quick response to the sewer back up.

Residents also asked that updates on Upper D Street be posted on the cities website regularly. Clerk West will update the website.

Public Comment closed at 8:23 p.m.

**9. Council Comment –** opened at 8:23 p.m.

Councilmember Rasmussen stated the city needs to coordinate an emergency system. Councilmember Rasmussen said residents need to know who to call when there is an emergency in the city.

Councilmember Ralston – no comment

Mayor Brian Mielke – no comment

Councilmember Perron – no comment

Council Comment closed at 8:25 p.m.

**10. Staff Comment –** opened at 8:25 p.m.

Building Official Mike Andrejka said there was one permit issued in the month of September.

City Attorney Tom Lehmann asked Clerk West to get the paperwork together for the sewer back-up that occurred on September 26, 2014. Attorney Lehmann advised the city not to pay A.C.E. Blacktop until the insurance company is involved.

Chief of Police Mike Aschenbrener – no comment

Clerk West – no comment

**There being no further business, it was motioned by Councilmember Rasmussen, seconded by Councilmember Ralston to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:30 p.m.**

Respectively submitted:

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KimberLee West, City Clerk