**Dakota County Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**held Tuesday September 9, 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, Erick Lehet and Melody Rasmussen, Building Official; Mike Andrejka, City Attorney; Tom Lehmann and City Clerk; KimberLee West.

**Absent:** Chief of Police; Mike Aschenbrener

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

**Minutes - Motion by Councilmember Ralston, seconded by Councilmember Perron to approve the August 12, 2014 City Council minutes with the deletion of the third sentence in Councilmember Ralston’s council comment and changing the word “dose” to “does” in the update on Fun Jumps parking. Passed 5-0.**

**Agenda –** **Motion by Councilmember Ralston, seconded by Councilmember Perron, to approve the agenda as presented. Passed 5-0.**

**2. Treasurer’s Report -** Transfer from Sewer Fund to General Fund in the amount of $1,374.16 for the wastewater bill. Transfer $15,000 from MM Fund to General Fund to maintain the General Fund balance. **Motion** **by Councilmember Perron, seconded by Councilmember Ralston, to approve the above transfers. Passed 5-0.**

**3.**



Councilmember Perron questioned why the bill for mowing is more in September than in previous months. Clerk West explained there was a fifth week in August. Mowing is done once a week. **Motion by Councilmember Lehet, seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen to pay the September bills with the deletion of check #7154. Passed 5-0.**

**4. Road – Bluff Failure – Culvert Update**

**5. Resolution 14-07 -** Accepting the resignation of Building Official David Neameyer. **Motion by Councilmember Ralston, seconded by Councilmember Lehet to accept the resignation of Building Official David Neameyer and to appoint Mike Andrejka as interim Building Official until official appointments are made in January 2015. Passed 5-0.**

**6. Resolution 14-08 –** Assessment of 2014 unpaid sewer bills to property taxes. **Motion by Councilmember Lehet, seconded by Councilmember Ralston to assess unpaid sewer bills. Passed 5-0.**

**7. 2015 Budget –** A discussion was held on the preliminary 2015 budget. The tax levy for the City of Mendota was set at $195,000.

**8. Resolution 14-09 - Motion by Councilmember Perron, seconded by Councilmember Lehet to set the 2015 Preliminary Tax Levy for the City of Mendota at $195,000.**

**9. Public Comment –** opened at 8:32 p.m.

No Public Comment was made.

Public Comment closed at 8:32 p.m.

**10. Council Comment –** opened at 8:33 p.m.

Councilmember Rasmussen no comment.

Councilmember Lehet commented that the city park cleanup scheduled for September 20th be cancelled. It was agreed to cancel the clean-up. Councilmember Lehet asked Clerk West not to print “due upon receipt” on the sewer bills. Clerk West will change the billing. Councilmember Lehet told the council he will be absent at the October 14th city council meeting.

Councilmember Ralston told Clerk West that the Mendota Newsletter looks very nice. Councilmember Ralston asked if any councilmembers had heard any comments about Fun Jumps parking. Mayor Mielke said he hasn’t heard any negative comments and it seems to be working fine. **Motion by Councilmember Ralston, seconded by Councilmember Lehet to designate a strip of 120 ft. from the fire plug to the end of the metal fence near the Dupois House for truck parking on Sibley Memorial Highway. Passed 5-0.**

Mayor Mielke asked if this decision could be revoked if there were parking problems in the future. Attorney Lehmann said it can be revoked at any time.

Mayor Mielke suggested the residents decide on whether or not the trees be cut down in Veterans Park. Mielke said that residents should vote at the city picnic. Clerk West will make voting ballots. Mayor Mielke added he will update the residents about the bluff and city roads at the picnic.

Councilmember Perron had pictures of tall trees that are on G Street. Some trees are touching the wires she said. Councilmember Perron said that since the flooding new trees have been planted on the property. They are expected to grow 10 to 14 feet. Councilmember Perron added that four loads of grass and leaves were hauled out of the culvert on G Street. Councilmember Perron also said that on the corner of G and 4th Street there is a lilac bush that blocks vehicles view. Councilmember Rasmussen added it is a dangerous corner. Motion by Councilmember Rasmussen, seconded by Councilmember Lehet to write a letter to the resident asking the lilac bush be trimmed, if the bush is not trimmed the city will cut the bush and assess the residents property. Passed 5-0. After more discussion it was decided by the council to appoint Councilmember Lehet to do an overall check on all street corners for obstructions to vehicles. The council revoked motion by Councilmember Rasmussen, seconded by Councilmember Lehet to write a letter to the resident asking the lilac bush be trimmed, if the bush is not trimmed the city will cut the bush and assess the residents property.

Council Comment closed at 9:01 p.m.

More discussion was held on the tax levy. Clerk West was asked to find what the impact would be to residents with the tax levy being set at $195,000.

**11. Staff Comment –** opened at 9:04 p.m.

Building Official Mike Andrejka, told the council that the attorney of City of Sunfish Lake is working on a contract. Andrejka said the City of Mendota can use the same contract. Andrejka told the council he is using the City of Lilydale’s mailing address for permits.

Attorney Lehmann gave an update DeVee Joy’s property. Attorney Lehmann said Joy’s last name is now McMillian. Lehmann has a conference call with McMillian on Wednesday September 10th.

City Clerk West told the council that $20,000 was received from Wells Fargo for the bond issuance and deposited into the Money Market Fund.

Staff Comment closed at 9:12 p.m.

**There being no further business, it was motioned by Councilmember Rasmussen, seconded by Councilmember Lehet to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 9:13 p.m.**

Respectively submitted:

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KimberLee West, City Clerk