**City of Mendota**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting-7:30 Tuesday April 12, 2016**

**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 Brian Mielke; Council Members Joan Perron, Melody Rasmussen, and Kathy Krotter. City Attorney, Tom Lehmann; Building Official, Mike Andrejka; Chief of Police, Mike Aschenbrener; City Clerk, Kathy Krotter.

Also Present- Northern Dakota County Cable Communications Commission, Jodie Miller and Century Link Representative, Patrick Hagerty. Axel’s General Manager, Louise. Grant Littlefield, Bryanna Davidson, Mekhi Pierre, and Carl Robinette. Absent Alan Ralston, Council Member.

4. Approval of Agenda: Added 3a minutes, 4a Treasurers report, and 7b. Century Link Franchise Ordinance. Moved to approve Agenda by Council Member Perron, seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Motion passed 4-0

5. Approval of March 8, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes: No changes. Moved to approve minutes by Council Member Perron, seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Motion passed 4-0

6. Treasurer’s Report: Mayor Brian Mielke asked about Dakota County Special Assessments Payment, City Clerk Kathy Krotter said it was for documents that are filed with the County that must be kept forever, so the filing fee is $4.25 a document and we had 10 that were filed. Motion to pay the bills by Council Member Perron, seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Motion passed 4-0.

7. Building Official Report- Mike Andrejka: 7:33 PM Mike issued two permits since the last council meeting.

8. Louise from Axel’s about new signs. 7:34 PM Louise presented pictures of the new signs for Axel’s. Tom stated the signs could be no larger than 35 square feet. There will be a new sign where the old one is on the pole and one on the side of the building facing Benson Metals. The sign above the main entrance will be removed. Also they will be painting the building grey and leaving the roof red. Motion to approve by Council Member Perron, seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Motion passed 4-0.

9. Jodie Miller, Northern Dakota County Cable Communications Commission: 7:38 PM Ms. Miller handed out the 20 page presentation from the last council meeting on March 8, 2016 and asked if anyone had any more questions for her. Then Mr. Patrick Hagerty (spelling) also commented about the Century Link franchise. Mayor Mielke asked if anyone had any questions for the Cable Commission, no questions. The project is a go. Two Resolutions will need to be adopted and then published in the paper. 7:42 PM Tom asked for a motion on Finding on Fact- motion to approve by Council Member Perron, seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Motion passed 4-0. Next Tom asked for a motion on the Franchise Ordinance- motion to approve by Council Member Krotter, seconded by Council Member Perron. Motion passed 4-0. Last, Tom asked for a motion for the Summary Publication- motion to approve by Council Member Perron, seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Motion passed 4-0.

10. Public Comment: 7:46PM Carl stated that we need to get the trash cans and bathroom for the park. The street needs to be swept. There are two big holes on 4th Street over by Steve Golias’ home. Carl is concerned about the new building that Fun Jumps is having put up next to the VFW. He is concerned with the run off of the roof and getting water in the basement of the VFW. They have their meetings and dinners served down there. There is a 6 foot space between residential homes and buildings but nothing for commercial. Suggested that Fun Jumps put on gutters to drain the water towards the back of the building. Bryanna suggested a new basketball court with another hoop. First thing is to get the slide up. And the park needs to be cleaned up, especially the volley ball court and the weeds around the swings and other equipment. Call Dakota County for cleanup.

11. Council Comments: 7:52 PM Council Member Rasmussen-no comment. Council Member Ralston absent. Mayor Mielke- had mail to review. Council Member Perron- mentioned slide to be put up. Said to call Lisa Henning at CDA and request for grant. Should have slide put in professionally. Council Member Krotter-no comment. Everyone discussed sweeping the streets and fixing the holes on 4th Street.

12. Staff Comments: 7:58 PM Chief talked about tracking the phone calls and there was no residential use. There was no change of ownership either. Asked about shooting, Chief stated that a call came in at 1:20 AM Thursday – Went back out on Saturday and found the bullet holes in the home and bullet casings. Someone suspected an employee from Lucky’s but no evidence was ever found that it was that employee. The case will stay open for 120 days, and the evidence was destroyed mostly from the rain and snow we had between Thursday and Saturday. Tom was typing the letter to the Lawyer Mr. Brennan about the Council’s decision and the chief was getting a JS mapping to him for the case file.

Kathy will post the Resolution for the Cable Franchise in the paper along with the SWPPP notice. Kathy asked about the web site and the problems she is having getting the information changed from the old City clerks, Ms. Bruestle and Ms. West. Stated that the LG500 and LG510 for gambling taxes had not been filed since 2012. Teish had them forgive 2013 and 2014 and filed the 2015 for us.

Kathy will get trash cans and bathroom in the park. She will call Alan for estimate on fixing holes on 4th Street. Call Lisa Henning at the CDA for slide and to see about request for grant. Make sure Jerry Smith gets information on what is going on in Mendota for the VFW. Discussed tree by jail and that the DNR trimmed it because they stated it was dying and did not want branches falling down on someone’s car while parked there eating at Axel’s. Carl stated it was a historical

tree. Also discussed was tree cutting behind 1333 Sibley Memorial Highway home and if the property was sold.

13. Adjourn: 8:16 PM There being no further business, it was motioned by Council Member Krotter and seconded by Council Member Rasmussen to adjourn the City Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted Kathy Krotter City Clerk