**Minutes of the Regular Meeting-7:30 Monday October 16, 2017**

**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 Steve Golias, Melody Rasmussen and Kathy Krotter. City Attorney, Tom Lehman, Building Official, Mike Andrejka, City Clerk Kathy Krotter and Police Chief Kelly McCarthy. Council Member Joan Perron Absent.

4. Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Council Member Rasmussen, Seconded by Council Member Golias. Motion passed 4-0

5. Approval of September 12, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes: Minutes to be approved Council Member Rasmussen, seconded by Council Member Krotter. Motion passed 4-0.

6. Treasurer’s Report: Motion to approve the payment of the bills, with the exception of the $150.00 to MSA, supposed to be paid by Southview Design by Council Member Krotter, Seconded by Council Member Golias. Motion passed

4-0.

7. Building Official-Mike Andrejka. Mike issued two permits. Closed one.

Did an inspection on a demo at 385 F Street. There is mounds of dirt, trees and brush, along with household appliances and furnishings from the home.

Before Mike sends a letter of approval, Becky and Tracy will have to clean up the yard, especially the household items. Steve asked about the inspection on 210 G Street. He inspected the roof, and noticed that there were painters inside the home. The dumpsters had doors, carpeting and trim. Nothing that looked too suspicious. Nothing that requires a permit. Mike asked if he could go inside to take a look and the workers said no, but Mike said he understood.

8. Jeff Olson-Historic Mendota Landing. Mr. Olson wants us to hire him for $15,000 and ask the State to get some grant money to make a boat landing, 220 feet down by the Sibley House and would fit canoes, fishing boats and all kinds of boats for the 2020 anniversary of Fort Snelling. Steve mentioned that money would be a big issue for this and was wondering since it is State Park property who would be responsible for this and the police calls. As soon as we put people and cars down there, we will have a lot of police calls. That area on most normal spring melts is under water and that would destroy anything wood, because Mr. Olson talked about wood boardwalks and lighting. Mr. Olson talked about making a road access at the East end of town and that would cost millions of dollars. Mr. Olson said that people could park their boats at the boat landing and hike up to Lucky’s or Axel’s to eat. Even at the Pool and Yacht club in Lilydale do you rarely see a boat parked at their boat landing, so how many people would do it here in Mendota. Tom will talk to Mr. Olson and explain to him how we do not have the funds for something like this and how this is not a viable option. Too many questions at this time.

9. Renew of City Council Pay Ordinance. Resolution 17-10 to extend the ordnance in 2018 as related to mayor and council persons salary until October 31, 2018.

10. Public comments: 7:48pm open public comment and close public comment at the same time.

12. Council Comments 7:49 pm Council Member Rasmussen, nothing, Council Member Golias, mentioned the grass cutting and do we need to cut the grass every week, cause it gets to be very expensive. We said no. If it rains and it grows fast we can call and get it cut or if we know there is going to be a special occasion. Also include the property by Melody’s. They should sweep through there and cut the grass. Once a month would work at the corner of G Street and 3rd Street. Then we need to get sentence to serve out to do park clean up, the low brush, buck horn and the thorns. Mayor Mielke has the mail, asked if we got any tree bids, wanted to change the date for the meeting, but we all agreed the 14th would work. Fun Jumps and their storage units, no response yet, next step is a citation. Mayor asked if the guard rail had been put up yet. The Mayor and Chief had talked about phone calls to the apartments and the residents that are nearby had made some complaints. The results showed an increase in calls, some medical and some police calls. There were 31 calls as of the end of August, but Chief stated that most of them were medical. Some were suspicious and turned out to be medical. Social Services has an ongoing project that identifies frequent users of social services and then send a team and the police are participating in this program. The hope is to take these locations and throw as many resources as they can preventatively or to take people to adhere to their treatment plans. It is rare that the calls are criminal. Can we bill Everyday Living for the excess charges and we do have an excessive use ordinance for that, but not for medical charges that do not have a case file. Ambulance charges get billed to the patient being transported. Talked about the funding formula and if Mendota was billed per case file. Brian asked about the jeep Cherokee at the apartments and what to do about that. Tag as a junk vehicle and then Everyday Living would have to have it towed. Then Steve brought up a car that has been parked at 380 E Street all summer and has not moved at all. Chief said she could send a warning letter, but Brian agreed to talk to them about it first.

13. Staff Comments 8:07pm. Chief had nothing just happy to be here. Tom wanted to extend an invitation to the Grand Opening of the tunnel under 110 on October 27th at 11 am and are having a name the tunnel contest and you win dinner on both sides of the tunnel. City Clerk Krotter talked about changing Hwy 110 to Hwy 62. Closed Staff comments at 8:11 pm.

14. Adjourn: 8:12 pm Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Golias, seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Motioned passed 4-0.