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

**October 11, 2022**

**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 Mielke. Council Members Golias, Perron, Rasmussen and Donnelly. Attorney Tom Loonan, Engineer Lucas Jones, City Clerk Kathy Krotter, Captain Wegener and Building official Mike Andrejka.

4. Agenda: Mayor Mielke asked if there were any last minute changes to the Agenda. No changes needed. Motioned by Mayor Mielke and Seconded by Council Member Golias.

5. Approval September 13, 2022 City Council Meeting minutes. Motion to approve last month’s minutes by Council Member Perron and seconded by Council Member Golias. No corrections noted. Approved 5-0.

6. Treasurer’s Report: Motion to pay the bills by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council Member Golias. Approved 5-0.

7. Building Official Report Mike Andrejka: Mike issued two permits and closed three in September.

8. Zoning code ordinances-vote - Ordinance is drafted, as per discussed in previous meetings, we were just waiting for Met Council to approve the Comp plan. The Comp plan was approved at the last council meeting. The council is in the position where they can take a final vote on the approval of the zoning code. We will do this in two parts, one will be the motion and adoption of the ordinance, updating and replacing the current zoning code. The second part will be a summary publication, with the update, that will need to be published.

Before the zoning code is approved, Mayor Mielke stated that we should discuss the height restriction. First the surveys were discussed. Clerk stated that Council Member Perron passed out 74 surveys to the residents of Mendota. The clerk received 54 of them back. Some surveys were signed by multiple residents in the home (all old enough to vote). The clerk stated that there were 65 no’s (which were 35’ and no higher) and 13 yes’s (which were 45’ or 50‘.) Mayor Mielke opened up discussion to the floor about the height restrictions, and questions were asked. Jennifer Haskamp went into an in-depth explanation about the zoning ordinance, after the questions were asked. Lawyer made a statement about Dakota County not paying for the zoning ordinance, if it is not voted on tonight, but Jennifer stated that the county has already paid some of the cost. But if the council still decides to make a change, the council could maybe extend the vote another 30 days. Council talked about infrastructure and who is responsible for updating the sewer and water. Most of the cost can be charged back to the developers, if our current systems cannot handle it. Cities should also be proactive on what they can handle. Council asked if the city could do a feasibility study to see if our current system could handle the additional sewer and water. Lucas brought up the Park dedication fees, which are fees that are used to update the parks. He stated that the developer pays for park dedication fees. Council member Golias called it the Fair share plan, for the park, water, sewer and utilities. Lawyer suggested that if the city wanted to change the ordinance that we bring in someone like Swanson Haskamp and go through the process again. After much discussion, Council member Donnelly made a motion to vote on the zoning ordinance, seconded by Council Member Golias. Ordinance 22-14-an ordinance amending Chapter VIII zoning by full repeal of the existing ordinance and replacing it with a revised zoning ordinance for the city of Mendota, was voted on. Council member Perron yes, Council Member Donnelly yes, Council member Golias yes, Council member Rasmussen yes, and Mayor Mielke yes. Lawyer read the ordinance so moved by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council member Golias.

9. Vacate 30’ of city land along the east boundary of Schumacher property 1316 Third Street: Dana Schumacher spoke about expanding their property to eventually rebuild a new home. She asked questions to the engineer and the council. So the front of the house has to be fifty feet from the center line of the street. The side of the house would be based on the side street which is 6 feet from the street. The lot is 15 feet by 130 feet long. The lawyer stated that if Dana and Dan wanted to pursue this, paperwork needed to be filled out and Dana and Dan could get a hold of him, and gave Dana his card.

10. City Council Pay ordinance- Resolution 22-13, City of Mendota Council and Mayor Salaries. Clerk read resolution. Motion by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council member Golias Approved 4-0

11. Public Comments: Opened at 8:52 pm. No public comments. Closed public comment at 8:53 pm.

10. Council Comments: Open council comments at 8:53 pm.

Council Member Rasmussen: Nothing

Council Member Golias: Council member Golias is installing a new driveway and fixing the manhole at the end of the driveway. The street light- Light pole #30 on 4th and F Street has been fixed.

Mayor Mielke: The Mayor said that there are lights on D Street that are out. Mayor stated he had mail if anyone wanted to look at it.

Council Member Donnelly: Had left the meeting early

Council Member Perron: Nothing.

Closed council comments at 8:56 pm.

 11. Staff Comments: Open Staff Comments at 8:56 pm.

Captain Wegener: For September there were 25 calls, 5 cases that were opened. So far this year 225 calls and 30 cases. The police have hired a new officer- Officer Dan Iverson. He will be on field training for the next 15 weeks. That will put him on his own by the end of the year. That will make the police department only one short for full staff. Captain asked if there were any questions. Mayor extended our welcome to the new officer.

Lucas Jones: Lucas and his team have been getting information ready for the street vacate. Working on getting the finishing touches on the MS 4 documents for the storm water permit. They are ready for everyone to take a peek at. There is ordinance work that needs to be done. Maybe incorporate park dedication fees and other things. This might be something to bring to planning commission.

Lawyer Tom Loonan: Tom heard from Dan Klug and he is no longer purchasing Tracy’s property. But another person has reached out to him and is interested in purchasing the property. Also did some prep for tonight’s meeting.

City Clerk: Every three years we are required to fill a pay equity report. Clerk explained the pay equity report. Clerk has been working on things for the MS4 permit like salting waste, pet waste, storm water and illicit discharge.

Closed staff comment at 9:01 pm.

 14. Adjourn: 9:02 pm. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council Member Golias. Approved 4-0.