**Minutes of the Regular Meeting-7:30 Tuesday Jan 10, 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. Swearing in: Mayor Brian Mielke, Council Member Steve Golias, and Council Member Joan Perron.

4. Present: Mayor Brian Mielke, Council members Joan Perron, Melody Rasmussen, Steve Golias, Kathy Krotter. City Attorney, Tom Lehman. Building Official, Mike Andrejka. Police Chief Kelly McCarthy, and City Clerk Kathy Krotter.

5. Agenda: Motion to approve agenda with adding 6b MSA comprehensive plan updated and 7b appointments of staff. Council Member Perron motioned, Council Member Rasmussen Seconded. Motion passed 5-0

5. Approval of December 13, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes: Moved to approve the minutes by Council Member Rasmussen, seconded by Council Member Perron. Motion passed 4-0. Council member Golias abstained.

6. Treasurer’s Report: Motion to approve the payment of the bills by Council Member Perron, Seconded by Council Member Krotter. Motion passed 5-0. Questioned sewer amount. It is at $58,000, does it need to be that high? Do we need to come up with a cap? Tom said no, we should keep it that high.

6B. MSA Comprehensive Plan Chris Janson and Luke Jones. 2040 Comp plan. They have done a lot of the leg work for the city with check list, maps, and booklet to follow like they did in 2009 for the 2030 plan. Luke said he thought we would qualify for financial assistance, but we do not. They are looking at growth and want 10 people per every 10 years. They can write it up for us, and how we envision downtown Mendota. Mostly focused on land use and utilities. They figured we would have 50 homes by now. We need ideas and need to have a public workshop to put in comp plan. We have previous plans that they could use and resubmit them again. CAVE people Citizens Against Virtually Everything. We can put the plan together by ourselves. And then MSA could look it over.

7. Building Official-Mike Andrejka. No permit activity in December. Lucky’s is all done with the first floor and underway on the basement. Talked to the Fire Marshall and the basement is signed off on. The elevator is ready and they should be ready to open two weeks. Gas lamps were stopped from being put in. Needs to do final inspection yet. Wood working shop might need an inspection. Storage container is a shed and under 200 sq ft. He can side it with no problems. Talked about sprinkling systems for Historic Oak, not required. And Lucky’s dumpsters are an eyesore. Need to be moved. Suppose to be in the back of the new addition.

7B. Appointments Tom has list. Eagle Valley Bank is depository of the city funds. Official newspaper, Southwest Review. Appointment deputy mayor, Melody Rasmussen. City Engineer, MSA. Cable company, Melody Rasmussen. City Auditor, Babcock & Langbein. Park commissioner, weed commissioner, and road commissioner open. Civil Attorney, Tom Lehman.

8. Approval of Business and Liquor licenses All applications have been mailed and most of them are returned. It is $125.00 for a business license and $50.00 for Garbage Haulers. Have one business liquor license left to receive and then the clerk needs to bring them to the police department for back ground checks. But everyone is the same as last year, so the process should be good. Need to add Everyday Living. Council member Perron made a motion to add them and to approve other business licenses. Seconded by Council member Golias. Approved 5-0.

9. Reid from Historic Oak: No show. Busy working on Summit Avenue.

10. Public Comments: Opened at 8:24 pm. Carl Robinette asked if we could add house numbers on the street signs. Start and stop numbers. Brian brought up the lights at the pond. Would like to add an LED light.

Street light would always be on if on Xcel pole. Carl mentioned the poles again by his driveway. We will work on that.

11. Council Comments: 8:33 pm Council Member Rasmussen, no comments. Council member Golias, no comment. Mayor Mielke, had forgotten to bring the usual mail. The pond lights. Council Member Perron, asked about Tracy’s sewer. The thirteenth was the date set to inspect Tracy’s home. Tom asked Chief McCarthy to go with him during the inspection. Council Member Kathy, nothing. Closed Council comments at 8:39pm.

12. Staff Comments: 8:39 pm Chief McCarthy had nothing to report, just happy to be here. Lawyer Tom Lehman had a couple things, one, he had a call from Briggs and Morgan, Kathryn Cortney, she asked if we would be willing to do a bond financing. No liability to the city. About $10,000 dollars to the city. We have done three of these in the past. Smaller cities do this to make some money to help other institutions to make money. We are allowed 10 million per year. This would be our max for 2017. Closing in June or July, then we would get our money. City Clerk comment, Bill the mailman is retiring the 31st. Would like to have treats for him his last week. Also a big celebration February 12th at the VFW. Close staff comments 8:47 pm.

13. Adjourn: 8:48 pm Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Golias, seconded by Council Member Perron. All in favor 5-0.