**Minutes of the Regular Meeting-7:30 Tuesday July 11, 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 Joan Perron, Steve Golias, Melody Rasmussen and Kathy Krotter. City Attorney, Tom Lehman, Building Official, Mike Andrejka, City Clerk Kathy Krotter and Police Chief Kelly McCarthy.

4. Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Council Member Perron, Seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Motion passed 5-0

5. Approval of June 11, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes: Minutes to be approved with the correction of # 8: change him to Ron, #9 bonding clarification:

say there are no planned bonding projects for the city of Mendota in the future at this time. #7 Windy Ridge, they need to contact St. Paul water for engineering specs for the water and then pay SAC charges to Met Council for hook up to the city sewer. Motion to approve the amended minutes by Council Member Perron, seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Motion passed 4-0. Brian abstained.

6. Treasurer’s Report: Motion to approve the payment of the bills by Council Member Perron, Seconded by Council Member Golias. Mayor Mielke asked about McDonough’s billing, was this the bill the city split between the restaurants, no it is not they pay the cleaning in October. Also the mayor wondered if they found anything strange. Yes they have, found more waste build up on upper Second Street. The city should maybe mention again about NO flushable wipes in the sewer system. The city needs to get Sewer maps from Lukas. Motion passed 5-0.

7. Building Official-Mike Andrejka. Mike had issued two permits and closed one. Mike will deliver notice to 1264 Highway 13 about vacating the property, Wednesday July 12th. Posted right on the property, and when Mike tells Tom that is has been posted, Tom will call the Mendota Heights Police and see if they are moved out. No one should stay there until the sewer system is updated.

Mike was asking about the new Windy Ridge development and about the WAC charges, but that would be the responsibility of St Paul Reginal water. Sac charges would go through Met Council.

8. Vacation of alley on Windy Ridge II: We are required to post and publish a notice of the vacating of the alley, which the city did. Open up public hearing and then close. Adopt the resolution and then file with Dakota County and then Ray can go ahead with his plans for his development. Ray also has the quit claim deed for the property with connecting neighbors for the vacating of the alley.

Tom sent a letter to Ray since the city is accruing costs for legal and filing fees for the project and the amount was $5000.00. Any money left over the city would refund Ray the amount left. Opened public hearing at 7:51 pm anyone have comments or concerns. Nothing. Motion to close public hearing of vacating the alley between Windy Ridge and D Street and between Third and Fourth Street. (Windy Ridge 1, C Street and Windy Ridge 2, D Street.) Ray asked Tom if he would invoice as we go instead of the flat $5000.00 dollars. The city will not be waiting for the resolution to be done at the next meeting, since we already agreed, Tom will send the resolution to Brian and he will sign. Motion to close public hearing by Council Member Golias and seconded by Council Member Perron. Closed at 7:57pm. Passed 5-0.

9. Ray also mentioned that he will be cutting down six huge cottonwood trees and some down where the alley will be. Also he would like to clear the east side of the road on Windy Ridge. Trees are growing through the asphalt and they have asked years previous to have these trees removed and nothing was done.

Mr. Duckson cleared out his trees on his property and the trees have been marked for three years now and nothing has been done. Brian will walk through with Ray and mark the trees. MSA will be approving Ray’s project, Brian Miller or Lukas Jones. 612-548-3132, address 60 Plato Blvd.

10. Christina from the Sibley House: Attendance is up this year from last year. People really like the site and the bike trails and restaurants. They are having a Fur Trading event July 22nd and 23rd. Christina is hoping for a bigger turn out than last year. There will be a scavenger hunt for the kids, art gallery, sand box and tours.

There will be fire arms demonstrations. If you hear gun shots, they will be blanks and the police department has been notified. There will be food trucks also at the site. The Sibley site will also be hosting a Halloween Event on October 14th and they are bringing in a paranormal investigator who is also interested in the town of Mendota and Main Street. They would like to include the jail and Lucky 13 and Jazz Emporium. On August 11th, they will have the curator for the Minnesota Twins for their Mendota After Hours event at the Dupois house.

This Friday the 14th there will be civil war medicine. Christina is trying to get as much planned before she goes back to school and asked if anyone had any ideas for any events. The mayor suggested Movies in the Park. Cost for the fur trade event nine dollars for adults, eight for seniors and seven for children. Steve and Melody talked about the buttons in the attic. The After Hours event is twenty five dollars which includes one free drink and food.

11. Public comments: 8:15 pm Reid from Historic Oak was at the meeting. The discussion was about the container, and about the outdoor storage. Instead of going to Menards and putting up something like a garden shed, Reid instead went with a building that looked like a log cabin. He needs to have his carpenter friend to help him put it up. The boards are too long for him to handle alone. August it will be done. Motion to approve that Reid has till the end of August to complete his project. Motioned by Council Member Perron and Seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. All in favor 5-0. Carl had no comment. Robert Hop was there to talk about Lot 6. He wants to buy but can’t buy something if you don’t know the number. The city would need to have it appraised and then Bob would have it appraised also, then we would take the average of the two quotes. The city would also have to offer it to all the other people. Here is the value and come to the open house and give us your bid. Also Bob wants to have an alley by Swenson’s with their permission. Public comment closed at 8:52pm.

12. Council Comments 8:52 pm Council Member Rasmussen, nothing, Council Member Golias, Storage pods from Fun Jumps. Send them a letter to have the screening done or come to the council meeting to request a variance. Mayor Mielke wanted to formally thank the ladies for the Mendota Days planning and to send a formal Thank you to the VFW, Am Vets and the American Legion. Trees, there are a lot of dead trees and we should hire a tree trimming company to take some of the dead ones down, like on D Street. Tree trimming services that we used or put the bid out. Brian and Danny will mark the trees we need taken down. Brian had mail. Council member Perron, slide. Kids are asking about the slide. Council Member Krotter, nothing. Close staff comment at 8:59pm

13. Staff Comments 8:59pm Mike already spoke, Chief of Police had to leave. Tom was good. Kathy nothing.

14. Adjourn: 9:00 pm Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Golias, seconded by Council Member Perron. Motioned passed 5-0.