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

**February 14, 2023**

**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 Christina Benson, Engineer Lucas Jones, City Clerk Kathy Krotter, Captain Wegener and Building official Mike Andrejka. Absent Attorney Tom Loonan.

4. Agenda: Mayor Mielke asked if there were any last minute changes to the Agenda. No changes needed.

6. Approval of January 10, 2023 City Council Meeting minutes. Motion to approve last month’s minutes, with one correction. Motioned by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council Member Donnelly. Approved 5-0.

7. Treasurer’s Report: Motion to pay the bills with some discussion by Council Member Golias and seconded by Council Member Perron. Approved 5-0.

8. Building Official Report Mike Andrejka: Mike had no permit activity. Mike officially has given his resignation with February 28, 2023 being his last day.

9. Jennifer Haskamp - Feasibility Report Jennifer gave a background and summary of the feasibility study for the city of Mendota downtown redevelopment. She broke down the study into 4 tasks. First task is land use and zoning analysis, which is an estimated cost of $2500.00. Second task is conceptual pro-forma development, estimated cost is $3000.00 to $3500.00.

Third task is Land use and zoning modifications process, estimated cost $3500.00 to $4500.00. Task 4 is infrastructure feasibility analysis, estimated cost 9

$9,000.00 to $10,000.00. We discussed 4 different Tasks and decided to start with Task 1. Lucas stated that the city will be evaluating what is currently being used in the utilities and how much more is left. Then we could make sure if our current utilities would suffice and then from there we could do cost estimates and decide what needs to be replaced. Part of this procedure would be touching base with MN Dot, St Paul Water, and Met Council. Mayor asked about a conditional use permit to go above 35 feet, would we be able to even consider that? Jennifer said they could request a variance for the height, unfortunately it would be difficult to meet the standard test though. Mayor then asked about TIF financing. Jennifer said that she would work with Tom about TIF financing and get some information to the council. Council member Golias made a motion to move ahead to do Task 1, seconded by Mayor Mielke. 4 aye – 0 – 1 abstained.

10. Public Comments: Opened at 8:15 pm. Someone from the public asked how long it would take to complete task 1, Jennifer stated about 30 days. They also would like to echo with what council member Golias said, the need to do a feasibility analysis should be done regardless if changes occur, or changes to the comp plan, that there is a need to know what our infrastructure can support. Lucas explained the gas and water portion of the infrastructure. SAC and WAC charges. New connections to water and sewer. Park dedication fees was also brought up. A gentleman in the audience is interested in Benson Metals building and if the current buyer would not be able to use the property, Mr. Benson says that he is next in line. The gentleman is an electrical contractor in Mendota Heights. He is interested in splitting up the building with a cabinet shop. Closed public comment at 8:31 pm.

11. Council Comments: Open council comments at 8:32 pm.

Council Member Rasmussen: Nothing

Council Member Golias: Street light by Lucky’s and by Steve’s house is out. There were cars parked on both sides by Lucky’s barricade and the streets were blocked. Police were called.

Mayor Mielke: The Mayor had some publications in the mail, if anyone is interested. Mayor stated that he attended the beyond the yellow ribbon meeting today. Mendota Days is a go and he is starting to work on that. He met with St Peters Church person Julie and Matt and Jack Nord from the Minnesota Historical Society. They are interested in having an 1860’s version of a baseball game at St Peters Church. Also he stated that if council would like they could have a meeting at the Dupuis House. Have we heard anything from Historic Oak? It needs to be cleaned up this spring.

Council Member Donnelly: Thanked Mike for the work he has done for Mendota. It’s a loss to our community and he will be missed.

Council Member Perron: Nothing

Closed council comments at 8:39 pm.

12. Staff Comments: Open Staff Comments at 8:39 pm.

Captain Wegener: Besides the four parking citations the police department had 20 responses and one case file which was for an accident with injuries. The nice weather causes more theft and damage to vehicles, be careful. Also with tax session around the corner there will be more IRS and social security scams. Any questions? None

Lucas Jones: Not a lot to report, except that we should keep our eye on getting more updates on our storm water permits. Some ordinance updates need to be done, whether that is Jennifer or Tom. Lucas thinks it should be discussed at a planning commission meeting first.

Lawyer Christina Benson: She had nothing from Tom to report, but did take some notes for him from the meeting. Did we have any questions for her?

City Clerk: Stated that it had been a busy month. First with the Garvey’s and the sewer back up. The auditors requested all the paperwork for the audit, she got it all together for them and they picked it up on Monday the 13th. We have a new banking system with First Resource and the woman at the bank stated it would only take 20 minutes to re-hook up but actually took an hour and a half. The clerk received a phone call from a woman at 1367 Windy Ridge and she stated that there was an ice buildup at the end of their alley and the city street. The resident wanted to know if their plow man should come and try and plow the ice away or if this is a city problem. Council member Golias said that the ice would be hard to remove, but maybe try some salt. Next month council will be discussing Carl’s property, the new owners want to vacate some the property along E Street. Jay Duckson called and complained about the deer in his yard to the Mayor. Captain stated that some Metro Cities contact the MRB and if necessary they can thin the herd.

Closed staff comment at 8:47 pm.

14. Adjourn: 8:47 pm. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Donnelly and seconded by Council Member Golias. Approved 5-0.