**Minutes of the Regular Meeting-3:00pm Friday June 15, 2018**

**Mendota VFW 1323 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota Minnesota**

1. Call to order: Mayor Mielke called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Present: Mayor, Brian Mielke, Council members Joan Perron, Steve Golias, and Kathy Krotter. City Attorney, Tom Lehmann, New Attorney Dan Burns, City Clerk Kathy Krotter, Police Captain Wayne Wegener. Absent Council member Melody Rasmussen, Chief Kelly McCarthy and Building official Mike Andrejka.

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

5. Approval of May 8, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes by Council member Golias and seconded by Council member Perron. Changes: MNDOT should be all capitals, Page 2 #9 is, is listed twice. Page 5, was instead of is and successor not assessor. Motion passed 4-0.

6. Treasurer’s Report: Motion to pay the bills. So moved by Council Member Golias, Seconded by Council Member Perron. Motion passed 4-0

7. Building Official-Mike Andrejka: Mike was absent from the meeting but submitted a report to Mayor Mielke. Mike issued three permits in May. Ray Miller left a message for a new house on Windy Ridge, wants to fast track the project and Mike suggested he attend the council meeting Friday. The Fire Marshall is still not satisfied with what has been submitted to him. Tom Lehmann commented that Mr. Miller’s engineer failed to notify the Fire Marshall to get approval for his development. Jim Lee talked to Tom Lehmann and he is satisfied with what Ray Miller has put together and actually needs it in a plan document. Tom Lehmann got a hold of Ray Miller and let him hear the voice message Mr. Lee left and Mr. Miller is working on it right now. Tom Lehmann told Ray Miller that until he gets the Okay from Jim Lee we cannot issue any more building permits. Tom Lehmann told Mr. Miller that once he drops the plans off to Jim Lee, to give him a call and he will talk to Mr. Lee and then Tom would let Mike know and he could issue another building permit. Then Mr. Miller let Tom Lehmann know that he is still working on the storm water plan digging and the tree plan.

8. Fun Jumps: Fred Ruppe from fun jumps stated that last fall the council came to him about screening for the containers. Fred did have a plan with landmark fence, but did not get it up in time because of it being winter, but he did get some screening up, and it was temporary. During this time, Fred has acquired Jeff Heinl’s property, so he is trying to figure out a way for fencing it off in the front, and has talked to Don from the VFW. Instead of running a fence line down the property, they talked about cornering it off at the building, just as long as Don has access to the building for maintenance. It would be cornered off at the building and then to Jeff Heinl’s porch and Fred would put in a twenty foot roll gate like he has at the other location across the street. Fred would like to have outdoor storage at this lot and have screening. He is going to have the property surveyed to make sure his storage units are in the right spot. There are some questions right now between the Reynolds and Fred if the fence is in the right spot. He would like to secure it so that he could park his vehicles there, he does not like his driver’s running back and forth with the vehicles, it is a safety concern that he has with his drivers. Fred would like to keep the trucks on the property until they are ready to load. Fun jumps busiest time is the four months in the summer and the rest of the time it is pretty slow. For the screening, should it be an eight foot fence in the front, but he is comfortable with whatever we choose. Fred wants it to look good and he is willing to clean it up. He would like to know the setbacks. The area where the trucks are parked should be asphalted. Also should the fence be 6 foot or 8 foot. It should be high enough just so it covers them. So Fred needs a Conditional use permit, and the council can decide what conditions he would need to do to make it meet the cities requirements. The city does not allow outdoor storage. The city is going through the 2040 comp plan so the city needs to know what it is going to look like. When Fred brings the permit back he should bring the plans of what he wants it to look like. Tom will get the setbacks for Fred also, so he knows what the city wants. Fred is willing to do anything, he does want it to look good. Fred will be coming to the next meeting. Fred also asked about an exotic car permit. He will be buying trucks and cars and fixing them up. But the city would not allow car selling, but Fred could fix them up in the garage and sell them. There would be signs on the street, it would be for each individual. Fred is at a great point now, where his businesses are growing and he wants to keep expanding. Fred thanked the city for all their help and for him getting where he is.

9. Dan Klug about Tracy Wilcziek property. The biggest question Dan had was that the garage seems to not be on the property. Dan had conversations with Tom Lehmann and wanted to know what has been done in the past. There is no information about this. Tracy thought that the driveway was an easement, but that would be recorded with the county and on the map it does not even show who owns that property. That part is marked as no man’s land. The city is willing to sell the property that the garage is on. Robert Hop is interested in ½ the property too. Tom Lehmann mentioned that whoever your lender is will want a title commitment and then they are going to say to you what they need from you in order to borrow you the money. One issue is the driveway from the street up and who owns that. The other issue is the garage that is on city property, but you can tell them that the city is willing to let you use the driveway to get to your home and that the city is willing to sell the property to you where the garage is right now. We would be able to get a letter from the city stating that we could buy the property from the city to give to the lending company. The city could get an appraisal, for a fair price and sell the property. Dan Klug also asked about an eviction notice that was given to the home back in November 2017. Dan also asked about sewer and water hook up. Council member Golias showed Dan on the map where the water and sewer came in. St Paul Regional water does the water. Dan asked if we had an Engineer he could talk to and Tom Lehmann said we did, and his name is Lucas Jones, he works for MSA and their office is located off of Plato Blvd in St Paul. Council Member Krotter asked if Dan Klug was thinking of building, and he responded yes, they would like to build a home up there. Dan wanted to know for getting evaluations is there any recommendations to proceed with that part. Mayor Mielke stated that we would need a purchase agreement to go ahead with the evaluation of the land. But then Dan said that he really did not consider the property where the garage is as a separate cost, and if it got to be too expensive he would not be purchasing the property. Council member Golias stated he could have the land appraised and then we would decide if that was a good price or not, or we could get our own appraiser to do the job also.

10. Public comments: Open at 4:02pm Mary Reynolds was present and had some concerns along with her husband Bob, and Myron and Sue Anderson. They own the property between the fence company and what is now Fred Ruppes property. Mary is concerned about Fred screening his property and what it will look like. Mary is also concerned about the property lines and that Fred is going to have it resurveyed, mostly because The Reynolds and Andersons want to make sure that none of Fred’s equipment in not on the Andersons property. Mary also asked if there was a deadline on how long Fred has to survey and screen the containers. Tom Lehmann said that the city would not issue a permit until it was surveyed. Mary is excited about the new Comp Plan and would like to come up with a new vision. Mary stated that Charlie Burrows has purchased the fence company. And Mary is concerned on what is going to go in there. Tom Lehmann mentioned that a young lady from MSA was doing our comp plan and that Mary was more than welcomed to come and express her concerns. The comp plan needs to be completed by the end of the year. The Mayor was happy that Mary is interested in being involved in this and Mary stated that a developer by the name of Max Heightman (she thought that was his name) who sent letters to all the property owners on Main street offering to buy their properties. He did not give very good prices for their properties but had a great idea for a development and Mary said that this really rocks and thought why we can’t do something like this.

Carl had no comment.

11. Council Comments: 4:13pm Council member Rasmussen absent. Council member Golias, nothing. Mayor Mielke said he had mail and thanked Tom for his 28 years of service. Council Member Perron asked for a moment of silence for longtime resident Larry Jung who recently passed away. Council Member Krotter, nothing. Council comment closed at 4:17 PM

12. Staff Comments: 4:17 pm Police captain Wegener had no report. Chief will research the sign from MNDOT and June 26th there is a meeting again with John Soderberg. Then Robert Schmitz talked about the development he is working on with Mr. Toye’s property and that he has had conversations with the DNR and they are willing to change the set back from the cliff from 40 feet to 20 feet. So this gives them plenty of room to build a complex with retail shops on the bottom and apartments on the top. He said that people were interested in a coffee shop and other specialty shops. Robert’s job is to kick the door open and to see if the city is interested in anything like this. Now that the set back is 20 feet they are ready to start with the plans. Then they will need to get the bob cats out here to see what is actually buried underneath the ground there. Bob had asked Tom Lehmann if he needed to bring a lot of stuff and Tom suggested that he did not have to at this point. It was better for Bob to get to know the City Council and to see if we would be receptive to changing the variance. Also the comp plan would be looking at changing the setbacks also from 40 to 20 feet. Tom’s only concern was the setbacks that used to be in place by the DNR. The DNR is the one who sets what the setbacks should be, no issue for 20 foot but would need to see the plans. Bob stated that there is no senior housing around here, but there is just a mile up the road. Is the Council open to a 20 foot setback, and most of the council agreed. Bob thanked everyone and will get started on some plans.

City clerk Krotter, the tree will be removed off the cable from Walsh Tree company and they would also like a list of all the trees that we wanted to have removed. They are pretty reasonable and would love to have the work. Then someone had called about a flag passed the jail that is torn and hanging there. Council member Perron said it was not hanging or torn it was blown around from the wind. The flags are all new and were just recently put up. Krotter received a call from Susan Young (Linda Young’s daughter in law) about plans from the developer for the house. City clerk was told that the city does not hang on to plans so we have none. The developer was David Griggs. Ms. Young had an estate sale over the past weekend and they sold everything in the home in two days.

13. Adjourn: 4:35 pm Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Golias, seconded by Council Member Perron. Motioned passed 4-0