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

**August 15, 2018**

**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 Loonan, City Clerk Kathy Krotter, Police Chief Kelly McCarthy and Building official Mike Andrejka.

5. Agenda: Added to Agenda Jodi from the Cable Company. Motion to approve the agenda by Council Member Golias, Seconded by Council Member Perron. Motion passed 5-0

6. Approval of July 12, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes by Council member Golias and seconded by Council member Rasmussen. Motion passed 5-0.

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

8. Jodie Miller, Cable Commission: Jodie, explained that Comcast is now with Century Link and if you have any problems, you are welcomed to call the Cable company and they can take care of your problems for you. Jodie was here tonight to extend the franchise, until March 31, 2019. Jodie says the cable company will have some idea of what direction they will be taking by December 15, 2018 to approve or deny Comcast’s franchise.

9. Building Official-Mike Andrejka: Mike issued one permit in July. Mike also talked about the request that Axels had about an occupancy number and how they asked the Fire department to supply this. This is the responsibility of the architect at the time of design, which can involve so many things, including parking.

10. Public comments: 7:51pm Carl said the fire hydrant was fixed. The sign in the park needs to be fixed, and the slide needs to be put up. Pond needs to be cleaned, but too late in the season now. Carl asked why it wasn’t done in the spring, but there was no water in the pond at that time. Fred from Fun Jumps asked about the screening for the lot he owns by the VFW. Fred wants to know if it should be a six foot or eight foot fence. The Fun Jumps property has not been surveyed yet. Fred also presented to the council a look at his new building. Mary Reynolds also spoke up about the survey and is concerned that Fred’s storage units are on their property. The council needs to make sure that everything is taken care of as far as what the DNR requires and the city requires with the dumping and storage units.

Ray Miller stated that he would like to start the tree planting on Windy Ridge, the storm water plan has been started, the alley will be paved and the third fire hydrant has been installed. Mr. Miller would like to have the trees done this fall. Some of the old trees there are dying and Mr. Miller would like to add nine trees and make a canopy of trees. Mr. Miller did provide pictures of what the canopy of trees looked like and stated that he had done of lot of research and discussed the trees with Gertens and Bachman’s, which they recommended also. The trees are fast growing and a hard tree. The trees would not interfere with the storm water plan. Trees would be 2 to 1 and eleven were cut down. Nine would be the ones to create the canopy, then the other 13 would be planted on the properties, with the other homes. Mr. Miller will be added to the agenda for September.

11. Council Comments: 8:48pm Council member Rasmussen, nothing. Council member Golias, nothing. Mayor Mielke, had a call from David Griggs about the water that was put in that services the five properties at the top of the hill coming into Mendota. Part of that agreement was that he would get reimbursed when the property was sold. Also Mayor Mielke got a call about the Roban property for sale and development. Council Member Perron, asked about the slide. Council Member Krotter, nothing. Council comment closed at 8:53pm.

 12. Staff Comments: 8:53 pm Chief stated that the way that the city of Mendota is billed is on a per case basis. This has contributed to a culture where people do not want to call us. And contributes to a culture where you have no control of your bill. So the Chief pitched to the city council today that Mendota would change to a percentage of the population. 1.7% is what Mendota would be so the 2019 bill would be around $60,000 and if it is per case it would be around $97,000. The Chief does not have a signed contract so she would like to have a new contract drawn up and signed by both parties. Mr. Loonan talked about Roban’s property and how two developers were interested in that property. Then Mr. Loonan talked about Mr. Schmidt and how he wanted to vacate the street and change the variance for the bluff. There will be a public hearing announced in the paper for this, for the September meeting. City Clerk Krotter stated she had a form from Mary from the City of Lilydale about their comp plan. She asked if anyone had any questions or concerns and if not if we could sign the form to say that the City of Mendota looked it over. City Clerk Krotter also had forms from Brent and the City of St Paul Regional Water for a joint powers agreement with them for water that was discussed back in April. City Clerk Krotter also stated that the last time she went to the bank, Al Ralston is still on the signature card, so we need to update the signatures. So information was filled out by Council Members, Perron, Golias and Rasmussen. Closed staff comments at 9:06pm.

13. Adjourn: 9:07 pm Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Golias, seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Motioned passed 5-0