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

**September 11, 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, Captain Wegener. Absent Building official Mike Andrejka.

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

5. Approval of August 15, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes by Council member Golias and seconded by Council member Rasmussen. Motion passed 5-0.

6. Treasurer’s Report: Motion to pay the bills. So moved by Council Member Golias, Seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Motion passed 5-0.

7. Building Official-Mike Andrejka: Mike was absent from the meeting. He did not report any updates.

8. R J Daughters update: Mr. Miller presented the tree plan as he did last month at the council meeting. Mr. Miller is looking for approval to start putting in the trees. Since most of his neighbors were present Mayor Mielke asked to have

Ray Miller state that he would like to start the tree planting on Windy Ridge. Mr. Miller had two options. Both options had nine American elm trees that would make a canopy over the road. Mr. Miller could remove the trees that are there now and then plant the American elm trees or he could leave the trees and add the nine trees. The neighbors suggested that Mr. Miller sit down with them and they all should discuss where the trees should be planted and put in the new development. Mr. Ray Miller agreed to sit down with the neighbors and go over the tree plan. Mayor Mielke also asked how the development was going for Mr. Miller. Mr. Miller stated that things were moving right along. The storm water plan was in place and the fire hydrants were all in also.

9. Bob Schmidt Development: Mr. Loonan advised that we did send a notice out on the public hearing and we have a decision to make, we can go into public hearing and make no decisions or we can go into public hearing and vote either for or against it. The public hearing is for the vacation of the street and the setback variance on the bluff. Jennie Skancke from the MN DNR was present and stated that if the city has a public hearing for a variance on a bluff, that the DNR needs to have 10 days’ notice to attend the meeting. Ms. Skancke suggested since the DNR was not notified that we do not go into public hearing and only have a general meeting about the setback. Mr. Schmidt explained that he now owns the property next to the jail. He has a design with a 20 foot set back from the bluff and one without the 20 foot set back, and Mr. Schmidt would like to know what the city would like to do. Mr. Schmidt stated that he would like to build housing on the property there, he needs to know what he could build there so they would know what kind of digging and investigation needed to be done before building. Many of the residents and other outsiders at the meeting, made their comments and asked questions about the development.

After 20 minutes of discussion Ms. Jennie Skancke got up and spoke about the procedure that is involved in the Mississippi Critical area and the bluff as it exists now. Mr. Schmidt would have to have certain exhibits included in an application with some rough proposals. He would need the contours on there, bluff definition, structure edges written in, the parcel lines and where the bluff is. Mr. Loonan also stated what Mr. Schmidt would need for the conditional variance. He would need a complete form from start to finish, the engineer report, that the building be structurally sound, the environmental findings and that every requirement has been met for the variance the property. After this was stated there was about 30 minutes more of discussion from residents and other people attending the meeting. Mayor Mielke asked if Ms. Skancke had any comments and she stated no, not at this time. But then Tom Dimmond spoke on behalf of the Mississippi River Corridor Critical area on this property being developed.

10: Comments from Comp Plan and MNDot presentation: Residents had comments about the comp plan and asked if we were following the comp plan for 2030. Mayor Mielke said that the plan has specific requirements that need to be followed and that is required by the state to do, so most of the plan does include

a lot of information from the 2030 plan.

11: Budget: Council went over the budget for 2019.

12. Public Comments: 9:45 pm Dan Klag was present with his realtor and they had questions about the property of Tracy Wilcziek. First off was the situation with the home being built on city property? The lawyer stated that the city might have obtained the property in a tax forfeiture, and in that case it is for public use. So to make sure Dan gets a good title on the property Dan should find out what actually happened with this property. With the vacation of the street the city could do that if they wanted to but if they did not vacate it, the city can’t grant an easement over a dedicated roadway, but the city can give you access to the property. Dan also asked about the sloops. Is the sloop supposed to be 18 percent or 18 degrees?

Fred from Fun Jumps spoke about being on track. The survey has not been done. And then the Mayor asked about the bluff line. Fred wants to put in the fence and screening before winter. Fred has also hired Pete at Pioneer Engineering.

The zoning is for commercial and residential. Your issues with your neighbors and the VFW is not the cities concern, they are private matters.

Mrs. Anderson waited and had nothing to say because she felt she said enough during the discussion. But Mrs. Anderson did state that the city has been waiting a long time for the survey on Fred’s property to get done and that everyone has been pretty patient. Close public comment at 10:29 pm

13. Council comments 10:29 PM Council member Rasmussen thanked Council member Krotter for the wonderful job she did on the picnic. Council member Golias also thanked for the nice job at the picnic and also a thank you to Willard and Joan. Mayor Mielke also said good job and stated that we should send a thank you to the Reynolds for the wonderful job done on the sign. Also that he had mail. Mayor Mielke also mentioned that the meeting was moved to October 8, 2018 at 5pm. Council member Perron commented that the wood working shop area was starting to look really bad and that the screening had not been completed as the roof was not done yet. We need to send a letter. City clerk Krotter will send a letter. Also council member Perron mentioned the slide again.

Closed Council comments 10:35 pm

13. Staff Comments: 10:35 pm. Lucas and Chris from MSA were thanked for the nice presentation on the comp plan. Captain had nothing to report. Council member Golias asked about the bicyclist that was hit earlier by the bike path, and the Captain said he had a few bumps and bruises but nothing serious. Attorney Loonan had one thing to present which was the proclamation recognizing Linda Young The proclamation stated that November 12, 2018 will be Linda Young day in the city of Mendota. Staff comment closed at 10:39 pm

14. Adjourn: 10:40 pm Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Golias, seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Motioned passed 5-0