

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting-7:30pm Tuesday,
April 13, 2021
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, Donnelly and Rasmussen. City Attorney, Tom Loonan, City Clerk, Kathy Krotter. Captain Wegener. Engineer Lucas Jones, absent. Building official, Mike Andrejka, absent
4. Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Council member Perron and seconded by Council member Golias. Approved 5-0.
5. Approval of March 9, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve last month's minutes. With corrections from council. Approved by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council member Perron. Approved 5-0.
6. Approval of the March 25th special meeting minutes: Motion to approve by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council member Perron. Corrections made. Approved 5-0
7. Treasurer's Report: Motion to move to pay the bills by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council member Donnelly. Approved 5-0
8. Building Official report Mike Andrejka: Mike was absent and has only issued one permit since the beginning of the year.
9. Request proposal for contract for zoning and ordinances: We originally had three bids for the project. WSB \$27,250, Bolton Menk \$14,500 and SHC \$17,425. CDBG states that they will have the final decision. Council discussed and they liked Bolton Menk and SHC, plus we have worked with SHC.

10. Public Comments: 7:40 pm. Tracy Wilczek who lives at 1264 Sibley Memorial Highway talked about his property, and buying the property from the city so he can sell both properties. Also about the easement to the property from the driveway that exists, but no one knows who actually owns it. The easement needs to be worked out with a lawyer and a title company. Not difficult to talk to a property attorney and not complicated to file to take ownership, the judge would grant you ownership. Next the lot, how much would the city sell the lot to Tracy for. Problem is, Robert Hop has also showed interest in the property. The neighbors could split the lot. Council member Donnelly stated that SHC had made the comment that neighbors can split a lot and we are not selling it to a different party where there would be a new person involved. He stated that everyone wins if we get that property sold and cleaned up. There are two things we could do, sell it to you at the price that we got it appraised at or the county tax value that is less than our appraisal. Second we could split the lot, you get .4 acres and the city gets .4 acres then we still own the land. The realtor Tracy is working with is named Gordy. First we need to get a clear title. So Tracy needs to decide what he wants to start with. Get the attorney involved to get the clear title and then find out if Mr. Hop wants part of the lot. The court will work with Tracy to make the property usable. Closed public comment at 8:01 pm

11. Council Comments: 8:01 pm Council member Perron, nothing. Mayor Mielke asked about street sweeping. Trees look good and the hole in the road. Council member Golias, thanked the city clerk for taking care of the road. Council member Rasmussen, nothing. Council member Donnelly, talked about Gunnar and the gardening he has been doing around town. Mayor Mielke suggested the council put the money in the budget for Gunnar for next year. Council member Donnelly asked if we could have another clean up day. Maybe towards the end of the summer. Closed council comments at 8:06 pm

12. Staff Comments: 8:06 pm Captain Wegener stated that he did not have anything to report and asked if anyone had any questions. Council member Golias said he did, going back to catalytic converters and spray painting them. Can he put MHPD on the catalytic converters to stop people from stealing them. Council member Donnelly asked when people go to the scrap yard are they required to show ID. Captain Wegener said yes they are required to show ID. But they do not keep records of what people bring in. And if someone brings in

several converters, there is no way to match them up to the vehicles cause there are no VIN numbers on the converters. You can match them up to the vehicles and see if the cut marks match. They do have covers with tamper proof screws.

City clerk Krotter stated that the sink hole was fixed. There was plywood up against the hole that was previously dug. Dan Dahlberg came down and took a look at it with Alan Bebel and they put in a steel ring that Alan said would last between 50 and 100 years. Alan said that it would be around 2500.00 to cap it and 5000.00 to put the cement in. Talked about street sweeping, the price went up about 100.00 dollars. The city clerk never got a call from Xcel about cutting down the trees. Lucas had sent an agreement between the city and MSA for the city to talk about and sign. Mayor Mielke said he had no problem signing it and sending it off to MSA.

Mr. Loonan stated he did a lot of work, working up to our special meeting, but then not a lot activity after the special meeting on March 25th. Tom Loonan did talk to Mr. Crosby from Mendota Point and he wanted to be kept in the loop as things are being updated. He knows that the moratorium is in place and that is all good. Tom asked Kathy about the American Rescue Plan and he did not know if Mendota is qualified for any money. But according to the ARP the state, city and the county will be getting a lot of money. Mendota should be getting some money, whether we are getting money, how much money we are getting and what we can use the money for. Mayor Mielke stated that we did meet with Laurie Halverson and Adam Smith for our district. An hour meeting and what we could use the money for. Water conversation did come up and that Laurie would help with that. The Duckson case has been resolved and we were dismissed from the case. The city and individual council members have been cleared. Closed staff comments at 8:20pm

13. Adjourn: 8:20 pm Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mayor Mielke.
Seconded by Council member Perron. Approved 5-0