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

**August 13, 2019**

**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, Clark Donnelly. City Attorney, Tom Loonan, City Clerk, Kathy Krotter. Engineer, Lucas Jones. Captain Wegener. Building official, Mike Andrejka.

4. Agenda: Take Mendota Point off agenda and add Resolution. Motioned by Council Member Golias and seconded by Council Member Perron. Motioned passed 5-0.

5. Approval of July 9, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes: No changes on the Minutes. Motioned by Council member Golias and seconded by Council member Donnelly to approve the minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

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

7. Building Official-Mike Andrejka: Mike reported he issued one permit in July. Mike also stated that Ray has started another house. Also Ray is interested in starting the last house in the line with the other three that are done.

8. R J Daughters update: Lucas stopped by the site on his way to the meeting and noticed that there are stakes in the ground for lot 1. The issues that were stated in the letter that went to Ray at the end of May, have still not been addressed. Lucas asked how we should address that, do we send another letter out. Mayor Mielke stated that it has been three months now since Lucas wrote the letter and what needed to be done. And it is not like the city is asking for anything new, this is from the original development agreement. Lucas stated that the engineer did not understand what the city wanted. Mr. Loonan suggested that we could have Mike hold any future permits that Ray requests until this agreement is completed. Council member Golias stated that Mike should not give Mr. Miller any permits for Lot 1 until these issues have been completed. Lucas also stated that with the heavy rains that we have had the pond is still filtrating the way it should.

9. Resolution: Resolution 19-10 for the bond agreement between Wells Fargo and St Croix Lutheran. The amendment does not change anything that the city has received from this bond. The amendment changes the relationship between Wells Fargo and St Croix Lutheran. Motion to approve the resolution by Council Member Golias and seconded by Council Member Donnelly. Motion passed 5-0

10: Public Comments: 7:49 pm. Carl stated that he is getting more water and now he is on well number 4 ever since they started adding the houses up there on Windy Ridge #2. 86 years in Mendota and he is ready to give it up. Mr. Loonan stated that he would have to do some research and see what is causing the water to come into Carl’s basement.

Mike from the 2020 Census bureau came and explained what the census bureau does. The census takes place every ten years, it is in the constitution and it is a requirement. The money that the government receives is distributed to the States and then the counties and all of this is determined by the number of people in each city. It is also determined by the head count, how many children, and how many people between the age of 18 and 25, or how many people are retired. Any information collected is not shared and it is never used against anyone. What they call this is the complete count committee. Kids who may not live with their parents and now live with their grandparents. People who are snow bounds, who go to Florida in the winter or people who are home bound and never hardly leave their homes due to illness or handicaps. Everyone needs to be counted, whether it is a community of 60 people or 600,000 people. In 2010 the state with the highest response rate was Wisconsin, they had 82% of the population respond to the census. Minnesota came in second with 81%. The census bureau thinks that Minnesota should have a 90% response rate in 2020. Why you ask? Because if you do not respond you are not considered for purposes of resources. The census bureau is also hiring. It is a great job, flexible and it pays well. It is easy to apply, you apply online. The census has two forms a long form and the short form. The short form is what most people get. The long form is for more detailed information and determine what people do in the community.

Kevin and Curt are property managers from Everyday Living who spoke about the well water. It is not that it is unsafe to drink, it smells. They have learned that they are close to the main water line on Third Street and they are hoping to tap into the line to get city water. Kevin needs to get the approval from the city to do this, so that is the purpose of them being at the meeting. They will need a letter from the city to St Paul Water Works to start the project. If they go into the street they will have to put the street back in the same condition that it started in. St Paul Water will recommend people to use and they work with St Paul Water all the time. Kevin and Curt are on site at the Apartments to make sure everything goes well. They have some tenants who have disabilities and then other tenants have no problems at all. Mary Reynolds gave an update on the planning commission. She stated that she talked to Beth Miller, another person on the planning commission, and she has been trying to get a hold of Jennifer the consultant. They have been exchanging e-mails. They would like to engage her to direct the formation of the planning commission and involve future developers who could pay for her time. No meetings if there is more than two people, if more it needs to be posted for the public. Public comment closed at 8:36 pm.

11. Council Comments 8:37 pm Council member Rasmussen had nothing. Council member Golias had nothing. Mayor Mielke stated that he had some mail and that he asked Kathy to print a budget since the budget for 2020 is due and the preliminary tax levy is due next month. He asked everyone to take a look at it to be prepared for the September meeting. Also we will be working on a tree list so that we can put it out there to get bids, to get rid of the dead trees in the neighborhood. Mayor Mielke also attended a meeting August 6th for the yellow ribbon program that will be called the Northern Dakota County beyond the yellow ribbon program. They are finishing the final steps to get it signed off by the governor. They need to choose a board of directors and looking for volunteers. They are having a picnic with the National Guard in West St Paul and Oxendale Markets is supplying the food for the event. The Event is Sunday from 12-3. Council member Donnelly nothing except that he invited Kevin and Curt to the Mendota Picnic on September 14, 2019. Council member Perron brought up the slide, and Mary Reynolds husband has agreed to put in the slide. Tom mentioned he would draw up a form for liability waver. Closed Council comments 8:42 pm

12. Staff Comments: 8:42 pm. Captain Wegener stated that they hired a new police officer that will start on the 26th of August. Came from the Dakota County Park Rangers. Lucas stated that there are cones out on Hwy 13 but no markings. MN Dot will be remarking the street. Lucas spoke to the property owner at 1346 D Street about the water drainage from the street and there is really nothing that can be done. She can put a drainage ditch by the street and in front of her house. Star tribune is asking about the GIS files for the Comp plan. If she files a formal request we would have to turn it over, but she has not filed a formal request. Comp Plan is online. Tom mentioned R J Daughters and the problems with Jay Duckson and his lawyer and now Ray Miller and his lawyer want to get involved. No one has responded to the mediation request. Mr. Duckson’s lawyer said that would be a good idea, but Jay has not responded. Kathy, nothing.

Staff Comments closed at 8:48 pm

13. Adjourn: 8:48 pm Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Donnelly, seconded by Council member Golias.