**City Of Mendota**

**Dakota CountyMinutes of the Regular Meeting**

**Held Tuesday June 11, 2013**

**Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the City Council, City of Mendota, Minnesota**

**was held at 7:30 pm at the Mendota VFW 1323 Sibley Memorial Hwy Mendota, Minnesota.**

**Present:** Mayor: Brian Mielke

Council Members: Joan Perron, Erick Lehet and Alan Ralston.

Absent: Josh Lee

**Also Present:** Police Chief: Mike Aschenbrener, Building Official: David Neameyer, City Attorney: Tom Lehmann, City Clerk: KimberLee West. Jay Duckson, Nancy Wahlen, Tom Dahlgren and Karl Robinette.

**1.**  **Mayor Brian Mielke opened the City Council Meeting at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Minutes:** It was moved by Joan Perron and Alan Ralston to approve the May 14th, 2013 minutes as presented. Passed 4-0.

**Agenda:** The agenda was approved with the following additions and corrections. Motioned by Ralston, second by Perron. Additions: to have public comment about Axel’s care of their property and the erosion taking place from the run-off of lot #5. Corrections: removal of the J.R’s Recycling payment, removal of Curb to Curb payment and to pay David Olin the same as the previous year. The words garbage service was omitted from the word Biffs. Passed 4-0.

2. **Treasure’s Report:** Motioned by Ralston, seconded by Perron to approve the disbursements as presented, with the deletion of J.R.’s Advanced Recycling payment of $2,256.80, deletion of Curb to Curb payment of $1,150.00 until confirmed work has been completed . To keep the David Olin Mowing bill at $750.00 a month for this season. (We have a $40.00 credit for mowing for the month of July) Payment of the Xcel Energy-street lights $381.55. To allow for no more than $50.00 to pay for garbage service when the bill comes.

**General Fund Disbursements**:

Met Council-Monthly Water charge for May $ 1,268.12

Eckberg & Lammers-Monthly Attorney fee $ 2,000.00

Kim Perron-Snow removal $ 832.50

City of Mendota Heights-Police & Fire $ 7,938.61

State of Minnesota-Rent for Benson Metals $ 140.00

Xcel Energy-Jail Lights $ 11.22

Xcel Energy-Street Lights $ 381.55

PERA-May Contribution $ 114.74

Dakota County-Accuvotes & Automarks Maintenance $ 300.00

LMC-Berkley Risk Admin-Insurance for Volunteers $ 100.00

David Neameyer-Building Permits $ 2,567.48

KimberLee West-Clerk’s Salary for May $ 706.41

KimberLee West-Clerk Expenses-Phone, Paper, Ink $ 102.95

David Olin Mowing $ 790.00

Lillie Suburban Newspaper-SWPPP public notice publication $ 19.25

ESS Brothers-Manhole Covers $ 310.00

Biffs-Veterans Park $ 142.58

**Enterprise Fund:**

Xcel Energy-Park Lights $ 11.19

**Total Disbursements: $17,736.60**

**Fund Transfer’s:** Motioned by Perron seconded by Erick Lehet to approve the transfers of $1,268.12 from the Sewer Fund to pay the monthly wastewater charge to Metropolitan Council, transfer of $20,000.00 from the Money Market Fund, transfer $2,256.80 from Recycling Fund to maintain General Fund balance. (The amount of $2,256.48 will be transferred back into the Recycling Fund, bill not approved). Passed 4-0.

3**. Mendota Day Update:**

A Mendota Day itinerary was given by Council Member Lehet. He has ordered a tent with tables and chairs to be placed in the VFW parking lot and has borrowed a stage. Lehet would like to apply for a variance so the band can play past 11pm. Lehet also announced that MN Congressman Rick Hanson has sponsored a portion of Mendota Day along with a donation of $500 from the American Veterans of Mendota.

4. **Public Comment** was opened for discussion at 7:43

Resident Jay Duckson #10 Windy Ridge is concerned about water coming from a pipe that flows onto his property. The water is eroding a ravine. More water than normal is being discharged from two pipes that connects to a culvert that runs onto his property. Building Official David Neameyer would like to review the plans for the property at #5 Windy Ridge. Duckson was asked to fill out a formal complaint form.

Residents Tom Dahlgren and Nancy Whalen are requesting by formal complaint filed with the City that Axel’s take better care of their property. This includes a berm next to Axel’s parking lot. At least 5 of the 8 trees are now dead. It was stated by the council that the neighbors had a choice in November of 2011 whether or not they preferred a fence or a berm. Axel’s will be sent a please comply letter from the City which will state they need to mow on a regular basis, control the weeds, remove and or replace the dead evergreens and keep the parking lot free of garbage. There is also a concern of a stairway cut into the side of the hill coming down from the Dakota County bike trail. Axel’s has also put up signs on the trail. The city clerk will look into these matters.

Karl Robinette says the pond in Veteran’s Park needs to be cleared of algae. The clerk will have aqua care clean the pond. Robinette thought the potholes would have been fixed by now. However the city council has not yet approved who will be doing this. It was motioned by Perron and seconded by Ralston to approve Alan Bebel to do the pothole repair. Robinette also mentioned that the street sweeping company did a poor job on the streets. Alan Ralston moved that the Curb to Curb bill be held until it is determined the streets have been swept. Seconded by Lehet. City Clerk West will get more information from Curb to Curb. Passed 4-0.

**Public Comment was closed at 8:17pm.**

5. **Council Comment** was opened at 8:17pm.

The steps leading down from the bike trail to Axel’s parking lot are a concern. The council was unaware that the steps were being built. The hillside is Dakota County land. Dakota County will be notified by the City Clerk. Axel’s was told by the City Council at the May 14th meeting they could place a sign on their own property next to the trail.

**Council Comment was closed at 8:20pm.**

6. **Staff Comment** was opened at 8:20pm.

Building Official David Neameyer says there was one building permit issued for reroofing a garage in June.

Police Chief Mike Aschenbrener says the Mendota Heights Police Department has a new prescription drug drop-off station in its lobby. It is available 24 hours a day for residents. In the next two weeks MH Police Officers will be handing out free Dairy Queen coupons to kids doing safe activities.

City Attorney Tom Lehmann says it would be in the cities best interest to sign a contract with David Olin for mowing.

City Clerk KimberLee West says Tuff Shed is being considered by the CDA for Veteran’s Park. No date yet on when the shed will be built. Building Official Neameyer would like to see the plans for the shed. He says it needs to with-stand 90 mile an hour winds. West was also told by the CDA that the city has been given a grant for a new playground at Veteran’s Park next year. West will set up a day for Aqua Care to clean the pond in Verteran’s Park. West is also waiting for a call from Troy from Dakota County Sentenced to Serve for a date on cleaning the park of weeds. West will contact David Olin Mowing and ask for the same rate ($750 a month) as last year. West will type up a contract for mowing. West will also alert Dakota County about the steps from the bike trail to Axel’s parking lot.

7. **There being no further business, it was moved by Ralston and second by Lehet to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:32pm.**

Attest:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

KimberLee West, City Clerk