

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting-7:30pm Tuesday,
January 11, 2022
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: Council members Golias, Perron, and Rasmussen. City Attorney Tom Loonan, City Clerk Kathy Krotter, Captain Wegener, Engineer Lucas Jones, and Building official Mike Andrejka. Mayor Mielke and Council member Donnelly, absent.
4. Agenda: Separate Open house 7A and variance request to 7B. Moved to approve by Council member Perron and seconded by Council member Rasmussen. Approved 3-0
5. Approval of December 14, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve last month's minutes by Council member Perron and seconded by Council member Rasmussen. Approved 3-0.
6. Treasurer's Report: Motion to pay the bills by Council Member Perron and seconded by Council member Rasmussen. Approved 3-0.
7. Building Official Report Mike Andrejka: Mike issued one permit. Still could not inspect any roofs.
8. Update from zoom meeting 1-5-22: Planning commission discussed the draft zoning ordinance and the Warren variance application. Planning commission declined to make a recommendation on the Mike Warren variance application and moved to have the council approve it and scheduled for a new date. Jennifer Haskamp spoke about the zoning codes and stated that it is 90% drafted. The planning commission was given two copies of the zoning codes. One that showed the track changes between the current zoning code and the proposed changes.

The biggest changes are in the mixed use main street which is associated with the 2040 plan. The site plan review process was introduced for projects with no conditional use permit to the zoning code and the subdivision standards. January 31, 2022 Open House for the zoning codes. 5:30-7:30.

9. M Warren variance application: Council Member Golias stated that one of the residents downhill from the Warren project asked about having a hydrologist report on the Warren property. Lucas stated the DNR has responded to where the water was going to go. But the city did not have that information from the applicant. The ordinance to individual lots states that you cannot discharge more than what is occurring currently. The city can put conditions on the variance. The MS4 storm water permit for the PCA does ask for a site design review template for storm water. Tom Loonan stated that there will be a public hearing for the variance on Monday January 24, 2022 at 5:30 pm. So that all residents within the 500 feet area get properly notified. With that being said we are going to extend our deadline to February 9th, just in case something happens at the February 8th meeting. Motion to extend the deadline until February 9, 2022, reason being to provide proper notice and hold the public hearing. First by council member Rasmussen and seconded by council member Perron. Approved 3-0.

10. Resolution 22-01 for appointments: City Clerk Krotter read off the appointments Motion to approve by Council Member Rasmussen and seconded by Council Member Perron. Approved 3-0

11. Agenda changed to add 8B for Appointments of Mayor and Council members pay.

Resolution 22-02 for Mayor and Council salary pay. Resolution stating that Council will not draw a salary from the city, per their requests. Motioned by Council Member Perron and seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Approved 3-0

12. Public Comments: 8:19 pm. Mr. Reynolds spoke that he had drone pictures from his property at 1337 Sibley Memorial Hwy. Where he went up 35 feet and 50 feet, and you can't see over the trees. Closed Public comments at 8:21 pm.

13. Council Comments: 8:21 pm. Council member Rasmussen had nothing.

Council Member Golias: Stated that the zoom meeting went really well, and thanked Jennifer Haskamp for all her hard work. Also Council member Golias wanted to thank Lance and Willard publicly for the fantastic job they do every year during the snow season.

Mayor Mielke: Absent

Council Member Donnelly: Absent

Council Member Perron had nothing.

Closed council comments at 8:23 pm.

14. Staff Comments: 8:23 pm. Captain Wegener stated that he did not have the All Hazard Mitigation Plan back from the county. But hopes to have it updated by the next council meeting. Captain gave the preliminary end of the year numbers for Mendota, stating that there were 205 incidents which resulted in 31 open cases. Captain he said he would bring in the 2020 numbers to compare them to the 2021.

Lucas Jones: Since the last meeting, the local water management plan was submitted to the Met Council for dissemination to the water shed districts and water shed management organizations. Also the Comp Plan was sent to the Met Council and local jurisdictions, including the DNR. And have since provided comments on the MRCCA. Stated that Kathy was able to submit the waste water infrastructure grant application after the meeting last time. Lucas asked if there were any questions. Council member Golias asked if there was any luck getting the city from three districts to just one. Lucas passed that on to Tom.

Lawyer Tom Loonan: Lucas did pass the three district into one to Tom and he did reach out before the holidays and did not get a hold of anyone so he needs to follow up on it again. Working on the process of the public hearings and planning commission and talking to Mr. Warren. No more from Mr. Frank or Tracy. Tom continues and monitor information from the Benson Metals property and what is going to happen.

City Clerk Krotter: Stated she did submit the application that Lucas mentioned. Working with Tom and Jennifer on the planning commission meeting, the public hearings and the notices for the public hearing.

Closed staff comment at 8:36 pm.

15. Adjourn: 8:36pm. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council member Rasmussen and seconded by Council member Perron. Approved 3-0.