

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting-7:30pm Tuesday,
July 13, 2021
Mendota VFW 1323 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota
Minnesota**

1. Call to order: Deputy Mayor Golias called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Present: Mayor Mielke, absent. Present: Council members Golias, Perron, and Rasmussen. Council member Donnelly arrived late. City Attorney Tom Loonan, City Clerk Kathy Krotter, Captain Wegener, Engineer Lucas Jones, and Building official Mike Andrejka.
4. Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Golias and seconded by Council Member Perron. Approved 3-0
5. Approval of June 8, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve last month's minutes. With no corrections from council. Approved by Council member Golias and seconded by Council member Rasmussen. Approved 3-0.
6. Treasurer's Report: Motion to move 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 three permits and closed three.
8. Motion to end the City's emergency declaration: On March 26, 2020, council held a special meeting under resolution 20-05 to appoint the Mayor as the city's emergency person. As of July 1, 2021 the Governor has lifted the state's emergency and so at this time it is appropriate for us to entertain a motion to revoke the resolution and terminate the declaration of emergency. Motion to revoke resolution 20-05 terminating the declaration of emergency to end all powers and authority granted by the resolution. Motioned by Council Member Perron and seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Approved 4-0

9. Public Comments: 7:37 pm. Megan from Everyday Living who is the property manager stated that Quinn the other manager could not make it. She stated that she is aware of the problem at 340 E Street. Council stated that they did not know there was a problem at 340 E Street. She stated that suspicious activity had been going on. There seems to be a lot of yelling going on and the neighbors had complained. Megan's hands are tied until October when the COVID Moratorium is lifted. After, the problem will be resolved. If anyone has any questions or other problems the city clerk has Megan's information. Closed public comment at 7:40 pm.

10. Council Comments: 7:40 pm. Council member Rasmussen, nothing. Council Member Donnelly shared that there were coyotes around, he has chickens that began breeding and now has bees. He is concerned about the corrosion in the street by his house. It is the culvert by his home in the front yard. Donnelly asked about the Mendota Picnic also. Council member Perron, nothing. Council member Golias stated that Mendota has increased by one, the neighbors at 360 E Street have welcomed a new baby girl. There is a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon meeting at the VFW. It is a proclamation ceremony on August 12, at 7pm. Please RSVP. Closed council comments at 7:45 pm.

12. Staff Comments: 7:45 pm Captain Wegener stated he had no report. Council member Golias asked what they are doing on the corner of Dodd Road and Highway 62. Captain stated they are repairing the road for the new building that has been built there. Main floor will have a restaurant (Copperfields) with apartments above for seniors.

Lucas Jones: Lucas and Kathy worked with MMB on the second application for the bonding bill for 2022 for the water main project. They helped us get an account and fill out the application. MMB are strict on the applications and monitor who can use it, to the point that they check IP addresses. The first portion was due June 18th. On July 15th we can go in and amend our applications until October 15th. Then at the end of the year they decide. The reason Lucas mentioned this is because there were a few items that we put in the application that needed to be discussed. One of them being the amount that we are requesting, because one portion recommends that 50% of the funds come from another source or from

the entity itself. Right now we are asking for 85% of the funds with the other 15% coming from the other bonding bill. The council could speak to Representative Hanson about what he or his office thinks. We need to include draft bill language describing our request, and we could use the language we used from the last bonding bill. Still working on other applications and the next one is the small cities development from Minnesota DEED and they are more of a gap funding program. They ask what do you have and what do you need and they try and make it work. Council member Donnelly asked if they were to connect the water, would that help with the water pressure in town. St. Paul Regional Water worked with Mendota to get a pressure reducing valve in town. They put it in but never turned it on because they had a consultant come in and take a look at the fire suppression systems. There were three at the church and Lucky's had 2 or 3 and they depend on the pressure for their fire suppression systems to work. So St. Paul Water was going to move the pressure reducing valve. Once they do, the pressure will reduce through town but still be sufficient for the church and Lucky's.

Next item is Windy Ridge, and Lucas spoke to Ray about the infiltration system. Lucas saw the flags on the property and Lucas will be stopping by to make sure that Ray has started the work.

2040 Comp plan. Just finished up the sanitary sewer infiltration analysis that they requested. And nothing needs to be amended. The only other outstanding item they have is to make the city comply with state statute for a local water management plan. Which is storm water, waste water and portable water. We do not have one, so Met Council said submit one. This is different from the MS4 permit we just applied for.

Mr. Loonan stated that he has been working with Swanson- Haskamp about the ordinance and zoning update. Mr. Crosby has been contacting Tom on how things are going. Tom stated that he and Kathy would be meeting with Jennifer from Swanson-Haskamp and her team on Thursday to get the ball rolling. Tom suggested that maybe we should have a planning commission meeting, since we haven't had one since COVID. Tom has also been talking to Tracy about his property and Tracy does have an attorney involved. Things are moving in the right direction now.

City Clerk Kathy stated that she got ahold of Sentence to Serve and they require a detailed list of what we want done with the park. Since we don't have a public works department, we will need to gather the tools for the park cleaning.

Council member Donnelly stated that the play area was really bad. Kathy has been working on the SAM's application and the information from Dunn and Bradstreet does not match the information they have. The address for the city is wrong, Lucas is helping to get the situation resolved.

Closed staff comments at 8:20 pm.

13. Adjourn: 8:20 pm. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council member Donnelly. Seconded by Council member Perron. Approved 4-0.