

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting-7:30pm Tuesday,
June 8, 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, and Building official Mike Andrejka.
4. Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council member Perron. Approved 5-0.
5. Approval of May 11, 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 Golias. Approved 5-0.
6. Treasurer's Report: Motion to move to pay the bills by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council member Perron. Approved 5-0
7. Building Official report Mike Andrejka: Mike issued two permits and is getting back into inspections. Inspections were closed due to Covid.
8. Hazard Mitigation planning process Resolution: This is an every five year resolution, where the county requires cities that receive federal funding to do. Chief McCarthy and Captain Wegener have started this for Mendota Heights and have reached out to help Mendota and Lilydale. Motion to adopt the resolution 2021-04 by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council member Golias.
Approved 5-0
9. Adopting Resolution to accept the American Rescue Act Funds: The American Rescue plan was adopted by the Federal government and there are funds being

disbursed. If cities are getting under \$50,000, they are getting it from the state. We are still waiting for clarity on how these funds can be used. However, at this time it is understood that cities are likely going to accept the funds and to agree to abide by the terms. So the resolution before you is recommended by the League of Minnesota Cities. It is a resolution adopting and accepting these funds. The funds will be going to the states on June 9th. Then the state will have approximately 30 to 60 days to disperse to the cities. The second half will come next year in May. There is a broader selection on what the money can be used for and infrastructure is on the list. And the time frame to use the money is longer. The city would receive about \$22,700.00. Lucas stated that we will need a bank account to have the money deposited into, a DUNS number and be registered with SAMS (System for Award Management System). Motion to resolve resolution 2021-05 by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council Member Golias.
Approved 5-0.

10. Public Comments: 7:44 pm. No public comments. Closed public comment at 7:44 pm.

11. Council Comments: 7:44 pm. Council member Rasmussen, nothing. Council member Golias, nothing. Mayor Mielke had mail which anyone can look at. The Mayor attended the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Program. Council Member Donnelly wanted to have on the record that the cable commission has assistance for low income families to get the internet from the Federal Government. People would need to go through our local cable company. (NDC4.) The weeds in the park are pretty bad and would it be possible for someone to come out and take care of them. Council member Perron, nothing. Closed council comments at 7:46 pm.

12. Staff Comments: 7:46 pm Captain Wegener stated the biggest thing he has been working on is staffing and they have hired some new officers. One started yesterday the 7th, he is fresh out of school within the last six months and before that he was in the Marines. Then on the 28th another one will be starting. Right now he is a school resource officer in North Dakota, but he is originally from Minnesota and excited to come back to Minnesota. Mayor asked about hiring new officers and how it compared to last year. Captain stated that some larger agencies are losing officers to smaller towns, ours are for a replacement for a resignation from last year and one is a new hire to bring staffing back up.

Lucas: Reapplied for the MS4 permit. Annual Report was filled out online.

We applied for the PFA plan, for the water main project and are moving forward on that.

The 2040 comp plan. We have heard back from Met Council and they wanted the city to do some I & I calculations, so we are just about done with that.

Met with Ray Miller and his engineer on where we stand. So Lucas resent them the letter from December on where the city stands. Lucas gave them some new ideas and some old ones. One idea was splitting the water in the ravine three ways. The route they are trying to go for is putting in what they originally were going to put in. Lucas said send me the information first before you move forward. Lucas asked if there were any questions. Council Member Donnelly asked if this was related to the escrow money, and yes it was. Council Member Golias asked if Lucas was still involved in the lawsuit. Lucas responded that at this time he is not, but if it goes to trial he could be asked to testify. Council member Golias asked who would pay for Lucas to testify and Mr. Loonan stated we would cross that bridge when we come to it. Lucas also stated that they were thinking about putting in a retaining wall in the southeast corner by the little porch on lot 1. Lucas stated Mr. Miller has known for a long time what has needed to be done, but has waited. Council Member Donnelly asked if he does not do what is needed to be done and we keep the escrow money, does that go to the homeowners association to do the work or does the city do the work with the escrow money. Mr. Loonan stated that the city would do the work and if it was more than the amount of the escrow money, the city would charge Mr. Miller. Mike Andrejka made a comment that if the retaining wall is over 4 feet it needed to be inspected. Council Member Golias stated that the plans we had on this Windy Ridge development covers almost every inch of the land. Lucas stated that the plans meet the state requirements, but Mr. Miller might need to bury some of the filtration. Mr. Miller and his engineers might have to get creative.

City clerk Krotter stated that the Audit was completed and that everything was done correct and it matched the books. Working on the surveys and the PPL with Lucas.

Mr. Loonan stated that he was working with Joel Gust and Amy Anderson about a small portion of property that is owned by John Benson that goes between the two properties. Tom Lehmann was contacted and he had worked with Mr. Benson before about this and it seems that the property is going to be split by the two home owners. Tom looked up the trial with Mr. Duckson and it is pushed out until July of next year. Council Member Golias would like to vacate Fifth Street. It lays between F and G Street.

Closed staff comments at 8:11 pm.

13. Adjourn: 8:11 pm. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mayor Mielke. Seconded by Council member Perron. Approved 5-0.