**Minutes of the Special Meeting-6:00pm Thursday,**

**March 26, 2020**

**Phone conference call**

1. Call to order: Mayor Mielke called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Present: Mayor Brian Mielke. Council members Joan Perron, Steve Golias, and Melody Rasmussen. City Attorney, Tom Loonan, City Clerk, Kathy Krotter. Council member Clark Donnelly absent

4. Special Meeting minutes: Mayor Mielke explained that this was an emergency meeting. Tom Loonan and Mayor Mielke had a discussion last week and talked about what other cities are doing with this corona virus going on. Mayor Mielke stated that we just met 16 days ago and none of this was going on yet. Mayor Mielke also stated that who knows what the next 16 days will bring us. The city does not have to worry about a lot of public buildings like other cities. But we do not know if Mayor Mielke needs to have some authorities to act on behalf of the city. So that is the purpose of this meeting. Tom Loonan stated that the emergency nature of the situation is clearly evident by how quickly everything is moving. And so in the event that we would need Brian to have this authority and some authority will be designated to Tom Loonan also since we do not have a city administrator, it just helps to cut through the process and act quickly if it’s in the best interest of the city. The primary situation that Tom Loonan sees coming up for the city of Mendota, is that if there is money available that the city could or would need help to respond to this. Mayor Mielke made an official declaration and asked if anyone had any comments or feedback on the declaration. So Mayor Mielke introduced Declaration number 2020-1 declaring a local emergency for the city of Mendota. Mayor Mielke asked if anyone had any questions about the declaration. Council Member Perron NO, Council Member Golias, NO, Council Member Rasmussen, NO. So with no questions, Mayor Mielke stated that all the declaration needed was his signature. Then he brought up the resolution number 20-05. Mayor Mielke read the resolution. Resolution is in effect until the council decides that the emergency is over. The next time we meet in person hopefully that would mean that this is over. Mayor Mielke stated that our first potential meeting face to face would be May 12th. Mayor Mielke asked if anyone had any questions. Council Member Perron said she was good, Council Member Rasmussen said she was good and Council Member Golias also stated that he was good. Tom Loonan wanted to add something from the declaration, he states that number 6 talks about going forward that we will be doing our meetings telephonically or video chats until Mayor Mielke or Tom Loonan decide we can meet in person. The meetings will still be the regular schedule times and days. Do we want to start at 7 or 7:30pm? Public will be allowed to join in. Mayor Mielke asked for approval of the Resolution. Council Member Joan Perron Yay, Council Member Steve Golias, Yay, Council Member Melody Rasmussen, Yay and Mayor Mielke yay. Clark Donnelly absent. Passed 4-0.

Covid related cases has any one seen Carl Robinette, Joan saw Carl and Lawrence today. Council member Golias asked about Tony Oster, he is okay and happened to be at the park at the time of the meeting. Also Council member Golias asked about Steve Douglas, Council Member Perron stated that Willard spoke to him two days. Governor Walz stated that Parks would be closed. The police departments are keeping track of people and will make sure that people obey the rules. We could post an order for the no playing in the park. But it is not necessary. We will all find out tomorrow March 27th at 11:59pm what is going on.

 Council Member Golias motioned to adjourn and seconded by Council Member Perron. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.