**City Of Mendota**

**Dakota County Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**held Tuesday April 8, 2014**

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

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

**Present -** Mayor; Brian Mielke, Council Members; Joan Perron, Alan Ralston, Erick Lehet and Melody Rasmussen, Building Official; David Neameyer, Chief of Police; Mike Aschenbrener, City Attorney; Tom Lehmann and City Clerk; KimberLee West.

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

**Minutes -** **Moved by Councilmember Lehet, seconded by Councilmember Ralston to approve the March11, 2014 City Council minutes with the following changes, 3. Disbursement report the spelling of the word “expenses”, 4. “any operating cost to the city”. Page two change “business” to “businesses”, and the addition of Mayor Mielke voting “Yes” to form a trash committee. Passed 5-0.**

**Agenda -** The agenda was approved with the addition of check #7111 in the amount of $279.99 for Homestead Web-Site renewal. **Motion by Councilmember Perron, seconded by Councilmember Lehet to approve the agenda with the above amendment. Passed 5-0.**

**2. Treasurer’s Report -** Transfer from Sewer Fund to General Fund in the amount of $1,374.16 for the wastewater bill. No other transfers this month. **Motion** **by Councilmember Ralston, seconded by Councilmember Lehet to approve the above transfer. Passed 5-0.**

**3. Disbursements –**



Councilmember Lehet questioned the charge for extra snow removal on D Street. Councilmember Perron said with the large amount of snow this winter Lance had to use the bobcat to remove the snow and that is extra. Mayor Mielke added that the extra snow removal is above and beyond what Lance is paid monthly. Attorney Lehmann said that we have a contract with Lance and it says we pay for any extra snow removal.

**Motion by Councilmember Ralston, seconded by Perron to pay the March bills. Passed 5-0.**

**4. Resolution 14-01 - Officially appointing NDC4 Representatives - Motion by Councilmember Lehet, seconded by Councilmember Ralston to officially appoint James Rasmussen as residential representative, and Melody Rasmussen as Council representative to the NDC4 Cable Commission. Passed 5-0.**

**5. Public Hearing for the City of Mendota Street Reconstruction Financing –** Public Hearing opened at 7:39 p.m.

Attorney Lehmann said he met with Home Federal Bank. Lehmann said the city will have an interest rate of 2.99% and the loan will be tax exempt. Councilmember Lehet added the residents he has spoken with are excited about the road project.

With no public comments the Public Hearing was closed at 7:42 p.m.

**6. Resolution 14-02 – Adopting a street reconstruction and bituminous overlay plan and preliminary authorizing the issuance and sale of street reconstruction bonds -** **Motion by Councilmember Lehet, seconded by Councilmember Ralston to formally adopt Resolution 14-02. Passed 5-0.**

**7. Limiting the City to one Trash Hauler -** Survey results show that Mendota residents are in favor of pursing the possibility of having one city trash hauler. Councilmember Lehet said he was contacted by Pat Jung and Mark Proctor who are interested in being on the Trash Committee. Councilmember Ralston asked if the city hires one hauler will they work for the city. Councilmember Ralston also asked if a resident may opt out of trash service. Councilmember Lehet said that’s what the committee is in place for, to work out the answers to those questions. Councilmember Perron added it is our duty to give the residents information. Resident Carl Robinette said there is a 5 ton weight limit on our city street but cement trucks continue to ignore that rule. Robinette said they cover the sign while they are in town. Councilmember Ralston suggested the city do a RFP and look for a company with medium to small size garbage trucks.

**8. Public Comment –** Public Comment opened at 7:58 p.m.

Resident Mark Proctor asked the councilwhy we pay the State of MN $140 each month. Mayor Mielke explained it is rent for the State owned property that Benson Metals uses for a parking lot. Benson Metals pays the city each month, the city then pays the State.

Public Comment closed at 8:01 p.m.

**9. Council Comment -** Council Comment opened 8:01 p.m.

Councilmember Lehet asked if we have heard from any lawn mowing services. Clerk West said she is waiting for bids. Councilmember Lehet asked if there was an ordinance for controlling run off from resident’s property. Councilmember Lehet said he was told of an area on 4th street where a bank is washing away. It has made a big mess on the street. Attorney Lehmann said he will send Clerk West a copy of the ordinance. Clerk West will then contact the property owner.

Councilmember Ralston asked that the city appoint a winter sidewalk inspector for next season. Councilmember Ralston said there were several offenders this last winter who didn’t take the ordinance seriously. Mayor Mielke added this was a bad year for snow fall.

Mayor Mielke has mail for review. Mayor Mielke said the last light on 2nd street is still flickering. And a light on Highway 13 is broken near Benson Metals. Clerk West will contact Xcel Energy. Mayor Mielke said an Easter egg hunt will take place Sunday at noon at Veterans Park.

Councilmember Perron said she got a call from a resident who found that Republic Services is charging $9 a month for trash services.

Council Comment closed at 8:14 p.m.

**10. Staff Comment –** Staff Comment opened at 8:14 p.m.

Building Official Neameyer – No report.

Police Chief Aschenbrener said it was a quiet month for calls. Chief Aschenbrener told the council that warning sirens will sound on April 24th at 1:25 p.m. and 6:55 p.m. Chief Aschenbrener said all of Dakota County will participate. Chief Aschenbrener added that the City of Mendota Heights sirens have been replaced with new ones and have battery backup. Councilmember Ralston asked Chief Aschenbrener about the accident he was involved in on the Mendota Bridge. Chief Aschenbrener said there were 60 cars involved in the crash and ambulances took 8 people to the hospital. Eleven were treated at the scene. Chief Aschenbrener added that about 40 vehicles were inoperable and where towed from the scene. The Chief’s vehicle received damage in the amount of $6000. The Mendota Bridge was closed for three hours that morning.

Clerk West told the council that a recycling grant was received from Dakota County and deposited in the Recycling Fund.

Staff comment closed at 8:22 p.m.

**There being no further business, it was motioned by Councilmember Rasmussen, seconded by Councilmember Lehet to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:22 p.m.**

Respectively submitted:

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KimberLee West, City Clerk