**City Of Mendota**

**Dakota County Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**Held Tuesday August 13, 2013**

**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, Erick Lehet, Alan Ralston and Josh Lee.

**Also Present:** Police Chief; Mike Aschenbrener, Building Official; David Neameyer, City Attorney; Tom Lehmann,

City Clerk; KimberLee West, Karl Robinette, Mendota Heights Police Intern Dan Husbands, Ramsey County Tobacco Coalition; Alyssa Leizinger and Chris Turner.

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

Mayor Brian Mielke asked for a moment of silence for long time Mendota resident Carl Goers who passed away July 30, 2013.

**Minutes:**  Moved by Ralston, seconded by Lehet to approve the July 9, 2013 minutes as presented.

Passed 5-0.

**Agenda:** The agenda was approved with the deletion of the public hearing to vacate First Street. Motion by Lee, seconded by Perron. Passed 5-0.

**2. Treasure’s Report:** Motioned by Lee, seconded by Perron to pay the July disbursements as presented with the addition of the Xcel Energy bill $378.27 and to pay Josh Lee $7.47 for the new basketball net at Veteran’s Park. Passed 5-0.

**General Disbursements:**

Met Council-monthly wastewater charge $ 1,268.12

Eckberg & Lammers-monthly attorney fee $ 2,000.00

Kim Perron-snow removal $ 832.50

Kim Perron-leveled street sweeping sand at park $ 127.50

City of Mendota Heights-monthly police & fire, past due police $ 7,938.61

State of MN-rent for Benson Metals $ 140.00

Xcel Energy-jail lights $ 12.02

Xcel Energy-street lights $ 378.27

PERA-July contribution / filed electronically $ 114.74

KimberLee West-clerks salary July $ 706.41

KimberLee West-clerks expense- July phone $ 34.61

David Olin-mowing $ 750.00

Alan Bebel-pothole repair $ 1,275.00

LMC-property/casualty coverage insurance $ 1,491.00

Biff’s-Veterans Park $ 71.29

Lillie Suburban Newspaper-vacation 1st notice $ 83.53

**Enterprise Fund Disbursements:**

Xcel Energy-park lights $ 12.12

Aqua Care-park pond maintenance $ 988.00

Mendota Day $ 944.97

Josh Lee-basketball net $ 7.47

**Total Disbursements: $19,176.19**

Transfer from Sewer Fund $1,268.12 to General Fund for wastewater bill.

Transfer from Money Market $20,000.00 to maintain General Fund balance.

**Mayor Brian Mielke asked for a motion to approve fund transfers Ralston/Perron.** **Passed 5-0.**

**3. Public Comment was opened at 7:35 p.m.**

The petition to vacate First Street was tabled to be taken up at the September 10, 2013 City Council Meeting. Petitioner Jim Toye did not attend the City Council Meeting as scheduled. The Council acknowledged that a formal petition was received, signed by land owners John Benson and Jim Toye. A notice will be republished by the City Clerk to inform the public of the change of the date of the meeting.

Resident Karl Robinette mentioned that the sewer cleaning company McDonough’s was out doing sewer work from midnight to 2 am on Wednesday August 7th. Karl asked Building Official Neameyer if he knew of any new construction at the apartments in town. Neameyer will look into the project

**Public Comment was closed at 7:41 p.m.**

**4. Council Comment was opened at 7:41 p.m.**

Council Member Erick Lehettold the council he now has a key to the City Jail. He also mentioned that Boltz Martial Arts is holding a Community Carnival on Saturday the 17th in Mendota Heights, all are welcome to attend. Council Member Lehet asked what the outcome was of the letter sent to Axel’s asking them to please comply with the nuisance ordinance filed by their neighbor. The City Clerk has been in contact with the General Manager and they are deciding on what they want to do with the birm. It has been over 30 days since Axel’s received the please comply letter from the city, the council asks that Axel’s be fined for non-compliance . Lehet also asked if the Road Commissioner could get bids on the roads for the city. Mayor Mielke says he has time to gather road grant information and bids along with City Clerk West.

Council Member Josh Lee asked about the stairs that Axel’s put into the side of the hill coming down from the Dakota County Bike Trail. City Clerk West spoke with Dakota County and it was determined that MNDOT owns the hill property. Clerk West contacted Jeff Deerberger at MNDOT. Deerberger will talk with Axel’s.

Council Member Alan Ralston thanked the council for the use of the recycling containers.

Mayor Brian Mielke thanked Council Members Erick Lehet and Josh Lee for heading-up Mendota Day. It was a great success. Mayor Mielke has a meeting with Representative Rick Hanson to speak about Mendota road repair. Mayor Mielke was contacted by Sharon Lennartson from M**endota Mdewakanton Dakota Tribe asking for a donation and volunteers for the Wacipi Pow-Wow. The Pow-Wow will be held September 13, 14 and 15. Volunteers can help with food booths on Saturday and Sunday. The event is honoring Bob Brown and Mark LaPointe. The council agreed a monetary donation from the City of Mendota is not possible at this time. Mielke also mentioned that a streetlight keeps going on and off on 2nd street. City Clerk West will have Xcel come out and look at it.**

**Council Member Joan Perron: No Comment.**

**Council Comment was closed at 7:53 p.m.**

**5. Staff Comment was opened at 7:53 p.m.**

**Building Official David Neameyer: No Comment.**

**Police Chief Mike Aschenbrener introduced intern Dan Husbands. Husbands has drafted a tobacco ordinance for the City of Mendota Heights and would like the City of Mendota to adopt the ordinance. Alyssa** Leizinger and Chris Turner **from the Ramsey County Tobacco Coalition assisted Husbands in explaining the different types of tobacco products sold and it’s uses. Police Chief Aschenbrener says he, Attorney Tom Lehmann and Attorney Mike O’Brien have been working together on the wording of the ordinance which is intended to regulate the sale, possession and use of tobacco. A final draft will be presented at the October 8, 2013 City Council meeting.**

**City Attorney Tom Lehmann informed the city council about a possible bond project. Lehmann says there is no risk for the City of Mendota and that issuing a bond is a good source of income. Paperwork could be done by the end of this year.**

**City Clerk KimberLee West told the council the first half of the Local Government Aid has been received in the amount of $12,500.00. West provided a draft of the budget. The Department of Natural Resources has asked to meet with the city council about Mississippi River Critical Corridor Area. Clerk West will set up a meeting with the DNR.**

**6. There being no further business, move by Lee and seconded by Lehet to adjourn the city council meeting at 8:34 p.m.**

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KimberLee West

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