**Dakota County Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**held Tuesday November 11, 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; Alan Ralston, Joan Perron, Erick Lehet and Melody Rasmussen, Building Official; Mike Andrejka, City Attorney; Tom Lehmann, Chief of Police; Mike Aschenbrener and City Clerk; KimberLee West.

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

**Minutes - Motion by Councilmember Perron, seconded by Councilmember Ralston to approve the**

**October 14, 2014 City Council Minutes. Passed 5-0.**

**Agenda –** **Motion by Councilmember Ralston, seconded by Councilmember Perron, to approve the agenda as presented. Passed 4-0.**

**2. Treasurer’s Report -** Transfer $1,374.16 from Sewer Fund to General Fund for wastewater bill. Transfer $15,000.00 from MM Fund to General Fund to maintain the General Fund balance. **Motion** **by Councilmember Lehet, seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen, to approve the above transfers. Passed 5-0.**

**3.**



**4. Public Hearing – Discussion to increase 2015 Liquor License fees -** Public Comment was opened at 7:32 p.m.

No public comment was made. Councilmembers discussed increasing liquor fees to $4,800.00 a year.

**Motion by Councilmember Ralston, seconded by Councilmember Lehet to increase Liquor License fees to $4,800.00 a year. Passed 5-0.**

Public Comment was closed at 7:36 p.m.

**5. MSA update on Upper D Street -** MSA representative Jon Herdegen told the Council safety signs will be installed on upper D Street on Wednesday. Herdegen said two bids were received for the signs, Safety Signs was the lowest. The cost for renting, set up and take down of the signs will cost $3,500. Herdegen said the Safety Signs has a uniform manual for traffic control so cutting back the number of signs to reduce cost is not an option. Herdegen told the council that the poly will be left in place for the winter and a 12-14 foot lane will be open for residents to use. Herdegen said the area should be monitored weekly for any changes. Herdegen said the D Street project will be let out for bids in late winter so that repairs can begin in early spring

Herdegen said Braun has completed the drilling on upper D Street and the soil test will be available in 3 weeks. Herdegen said bedrock was found at 17 feet.

**6. Budget –** A discussion was held about the 2015 budget. Liquor License fees will be raised to $4,800.

**7. Public Comment –** opened at 7:54 p.m.

No public comment was made

Public Comment was closed at 7:55 p.m.

**8. Council Comment –** opened at 7:55 p.m.

Councilmember Rasmussen – no comment

Councilmember Lehet congratulated Kathleen Krotter for winning the open Council seat. Councilmember Lehet asked if the City should be concerned that there is a person on probation living in the city. Lehet says there are several times in which the police department is checking on the individual. Chief of Police Aschenbrener said it is a supervised release and it is required that police check on the party a minimum of three times a week, and as many as ten times a week.

Councilmember Ralston said snow inspections will begin on Wednesday. Councilmember Ralston will notify Clerk West of any offenders. Councilmember Ralston thanked Clerk West for updating the Treasures Report to show the previous months balances.

Mayor Mielke had mail for review. Mayor Mielke said he, Brian Miller and Clerk West attended a meeting with Dakota County Emergency Management. The City of Mendota applied for aide from the State of Minnesota. If Mendota qualifies for the aide the State will cover 75% of the bills the city has incurred due to the heavy rains received in June 2014. Mayor Mielke will provide Clerk West with a written statement of the meeting for the City’s web-site.

Councilmember Perron reported that Lance has had a hard time plowing the temporary roadway opened for residents to access homes on 2nd street. Saying it is dangerous. Councilmember Peron stated that sand and salt prices have risen due to a shortage and it isn’t cost effective to keep it open. Councilmember Perron added Lance had no problem plowing Upper D Street so far. Councilmember Perron said she spoke with resident Ray Miller and he told her of a gabion basket he recently used in a project. Councilmember Perron gave Clerk West the contact information.

Council Comment closed at 8:10 p.m.

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

Building Official Mike Andrejka told the council there were 3 permit issued in October.

Chief of Police no report.

Attorney Tom Lehmann no report.

Clerk West reported to the council on the General Election. Mayor Mielke was re-elected for a two year term. Melody Rasmussen was elected for a four year term. And write-in candidate Kathleen Krotter was elected for a four year term.

Staff Comment was closed at 8:21 p.m.

**There being no further business, it was motioned by Councilmember Rasmussen, seconded by Councilmember Lehet to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:21 p.m.**

Respectively submitted:

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KimberLee West, City Clerk