

**City Of Mendota  
Dakota County Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Held Tuesday October 8, 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 and Alan Ralston, Building Official David Neameyer.

**Absent:** Council Member Josh Lee and Police Chief Mike Aschenbrener.

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

**Minutes:** Moved by Councilmember Ralston, seconded by Councilmember Perron to approve the September 10, 2013 minutes as presented. Passed 4-0.

**Agenda:** The agenda was approved with the addition of a discussion of 2014 Budget and the deletion of #4 Axels birm issue. Passed 4-0.

**2. Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Councilmember Ralston, seconded by Councilmember Perron to pay the September 2013 disbursements as presented with the addition if the BDM bill for \$554.11 and Lilly Suburban Newspaper bill for \$75.33. Passed 4-0.

**3. General Disbursements September:**

Met Council-monthly wastewater charge	\$ 1,268.12
Eckberg & Lammers-monthly attorney fee	\$ 2,000.00
Kim Perron-snow removal	\$ 832.50
City of Mendota Heights-monthly police & fire, past due police	\$ 7,938.61
State of MN-rent for Benson Metals	\$ 140.00
KimberLee West-clerks salary -September	\$ 706.41
KimberLee West-clerks expense-September phone, candles for picnic, 500 GB passport	\$ 123.24
PERA-September contribution / filed electronically	\$ 114.74
Xcel Energy-jail lights / filed electronically	\$ 11.22
Xcel Energy-street lights / filed electronically	\$ 384.15
IRS-3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter taxes / filed electronically	\$ 421.72
MN Revenue-3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter taxes / filed electronically	\$ 44.73
BDM-Duckson Ravine	\$ 554.11
Lillie Suburban Newspaper- Notices	\$ 75.33

**Enterprise Fund Disbursements:**

Xcel Energy-park lights / filed electronically	\$ 12.75
Biff's-Veterans Park	\$ 71.29
David Olin Mowing	\$ 750.00
Mendota Day	\$1,376.58

**Total Disbursements: \$16,814.28**

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

Transfer from MM Fund \$20,000.00 to General Fund to maintain the General Fund balance.

**Motion by Ralston, seconded by Lehet to approve the above transfers. Passed 4-0.**

4. Axels birm issue – deleted

5. Home Federal Assistant Bank Manager Stacy Greven introduced Home Federal Bank Manager Steve Swenson. Swenson thanked the City of Mendota for doing business with Home Federal saying they like to get to know their clients. Swenson also says that they are a bank that gives back to the community through fundraising and sponsoring activities. Mayor Mielke commented that Home Federal has been a good partner with the City of Mendota, meeting all of the city's needs.

**6. Resolution 13-01 Authorizing a Mutual Aid Agreement for Emergency Management with Dakota County.** This agreement allows for the City of Mendota to ask Dakota County for assistance in emergency situations. **Motion by Ralston, seconded by Lehet to accept the Emergency Management Agreement. Passed 4-0.**

At 7:40 p.m. City Attorney Tom Lehmann arrives.

**7. Resolution 13-03 Formally Acknowledging the receipt of gifts to Mendota Days.** This states that money was received and used for Mendota Day 2013 activities. **Motion by Perron, seconded by Lehet to recognize the money received for Mendota Day. Passed 4-0.**

**8. Resolution 13-04 Extending Ordinance 2010-02, as it relates to Mayor and Councilpersons salary until October 31, 2014.** Mendota Mayor and Councilpersons give back their salary to the City of Mendota. **Motion by Perron, seconded by Lehet for the council to receive no pay. Passed 4-0.**

**9. Public Comment** was opened at 7:45 p.m.

Carl Robinette mentioned that some hosta's were planted by the Veterans Park sign, and that Littlefield had cut back some trees.

City Attorney Lehmann says he misspoke at the September 10, 2013 City Council Meeting. He said a "super majority" was needed, he should have said "simple majority", when the council voted on vacating First Street that Jim Toye had petitioned for. He says the vote needs to be retaken. And a resolution adopted as to the outcome of the vote. The council decided to table the vote until the November 12, 2013 council meeting when all council members can be present.

**Public Comment was closed at 7:50 p.m.**

**10. Council Comment was opened at 7:50 p.m.**

Councilmember Lehet says a Mendota Heights residence is holding a blood drive, more information can be found at the post office. Councilmember Lehet thanked the city clerk for helping with the Mendota picnic. Councilmember Lehet says he got an informal complaint from residents saying they are concerned about police being called several times to a rented Mendota home. City Attorney Lehmann will address the problem by letter to the residence owner.

Councilmember Ralston says he also received an informal complaint. A home on Highway 13 is storing junk in its side lot. Attorney Lehmann will send a letter to the residence asking they clean up the yard within 10 days.

Mayor Mielke has city mail available for anyone interested. Mayor Mielke has met with Merit Building and identified a place for the Veterans Park shed. The shed will have a brown roof, white soffits and beige siding. Mielke says he is meeting with Representative Rick Hanson next week to speak to him about our roads. Bids have been received for city road repair (overlay) from A.C.T. Asphalt and Ace Blacktop along with one received from Bituminous last month. Ways of paying for the repairs were discussed; there is possible money from the sale of a bond or assessing property. Because of the price of the repairs, doing one road a year was discussed. A lottery drawing was suggested as to what order the streets will be worked on. The city has also received bids on tree trimming, Saint Croix Tree Service, Twin City Tree Service and All Seasons Tree. Mayor Mielke would like to find out more information on the bids. The council agrees that with trees that are ready to fall over there is a need to act tonight.

**Motion by Ralston, seconded by Lehet to authorize Mayor Mielke to spend up to \$ 4,285 on tree trimming service. Passed 4-0.** The council asked if sentence to service can clear buckthorn. Clerk West will contact Dakota County.

Councilmember Perron asked Attorney Lehmann if Jay Duckson can be charged for the BDM bill. Lehmann says no, it's the cost of doing business. Perron also asked if we need to have a plan on how the money from Joy will be spent. He says the city can do anything with the money, plant new trees or trim trees.

City Attorney Lehmann says now would be a good time to discuss changing to a single garbage hauler. Mielke says currently the city has five haulers, that's ten trucks a week with garbage and recycling pickup, each truck is comparable to 15 hundred cars. Mielke says information needs to be gathered and a hearing held.

**Council Comment closed at 8:26 p.m.**

**11. Staff Comment opened at 8:27 p.m.**

Building Official Neameyer was there was one closed permit in the month of September, and a permit pulled for the shed to be built in Veterans Park.

City Attorney Lehmann – no report

City Clerk West – A bill for the newspaper posting of two notices for vacating First Street was sent to Jim Toye.

**Staff Comment was closed at 8:29 p.m.**

**12. There being no further business, Motion by Councilmember Lehet, second by Councilmember Perron to adjourned the City Council Meeting at 8:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted:

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KimberLee West, City Clerk