

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting-7:30pm Thursday,
November 10, 2020
Mendota VFW 1323 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota
Minnesota**

1. Call to order: Deputy Mayor Golias called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Present; Council members Golias, Perron, Rasmussen and Donnelly. City Attorney, Tom Loonan, City Clerk, Kathy Krotter, and Captain Wegener. Building official, Mike Andrejka, Engineer Lucas Jones. Mayor Mielke absent
4. Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Perron and seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Adding 4A for special meeting minutes from October 28th City Council meeting. Approved 4-0.
5. Approval of October 13, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes: Correction of dollars not downers and 12 that there is no pay for Council members. Motion to approve last month's minutes by Council Member Perron and seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Approved 4-0
6. Approval of special meeting held October 28th: Motion to approve the minutes by Council Member Perron, seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Approved 3-0 Steve abstained.
7. Treasurer's Report: Motion to move to pay the bills by Council Member Rasmussen and Seconded by Council Member Perron. Approved 4-0
8. Building Official report Mike Andrejka: Mike Issued three permits and closed none, for October.
9. Cares update: City Clerk Kathy reported about the applications that she sent out and received back. Only two businesses did not fill out applications, they were Minnesota Metals and Axels. Minnesota Metals stated that the restaurants suffered the most, so they should get the money. Otherwise everyone else filled

out applications, Getten Credit, Berg Plumbing, Duffy LLC, Mdewakanton, Greggs Barber, (both Greg's), Luckys, Lee Education, Historic Oak, Fun Jumps and the VFW. City Clerk got a new computer and the city of Mendota Heights sent over an invoice that Mendota could use if they had any leftover funds from the CARES money that needed to be used. Council discussed the website and Council member Donnelly did get a quote of \$7000.00. Council member Golias stated that his daughter does websites for her company and that \$7000.00 was a good price. City clerk Krotter also stated that Homestead who we have our website from would be willing to help us with things we wanted to do. Also after checking city clerk Krotter found people willing to do our website for 8 to 15 thousand dollars. Also suggested was paying Gunnar for all the wonderful work he has done making Mendota a more beautiful place. But Council decided that the police would be a sure thing for the CARES money. Resolution 20-15 was motioned for the Coronavirus for the \$15,250 dollars received from the State. Designating \$11,000 for business's \$1,446 for the new computer, and \$2,804 for the Police expenses. Moved by Council member Perron and Seconded by Council member Rasmussen. Passed 4-0

10: Public Comments: 7:53 pm. Carl Robinette stated that the trim on the jail on one side is starting to rot away. If we do not do something soon the roof will probably collapse. Mr. Ray Miller said that we are coming to a close on the homes on Windy Ridge. Mr. Miller stated that the Escrow money of \$20,000 is still out there and since the project is almost done, Mr. Miller was hoping to get it back. Mr. Miller has touched basis with Lucas and there were a few things that needed to be completed and Mr. Miller has finished up what Lucas has asked for. The last CO is ready to be issued. Council member Golias asked if the holding pond has been cleaned out. Lucas stated that a report was sent and everything has been stabilized and cleaned out. Everything looked good from the list that Lucas had. Mr. Loonan told Ray Miller that he would send a list of what he needed to complete the process for the escrow money. Closed public comment at 7:59 pm

11. Council Comments 7:59 pm Council member Rasmussen had nothing, Mayor Mielke was absent. Council member Perron, said there were many pot holes on the strip of road by Lee Education, Willard filled one with sand. City Clerk Krotter will text Al Bebel to see if he could repair the holes. Council member Donnelly, nothing. Council member Golias, had nothing. But he stated that the Beyond the

Yellow Ribbon program for Veterans Day has been cancelled. Also Council Member Golias asked Tom Loonan about doing our meetings by zoom. Closed council comments at 8:05 pm

12. Staff Comments: 8:05 pm Mike stated that he made the decision to order the CO tomorrow for Mr. Miller. But if conditions need to be added, Mike would add them to the CO. Captain Wegener stated that last week focus was on the elections and everything went well and was very quiet. In October there were three theft calls along with 29 other calls. Lots of carjacking have been happening around the metro. Captain said the best thing to do is know your surroundings and always lock your car. Council member Donnelly stated that he had some suspicious activity around his home one afternoon. There was a man who seemed a little mentally unstable, running around the yard chasing a chicken. The man said he was left there and when she came back out, he was gone. Lucas did have a discussion with the Mayor about the watermain project and that the Mayor is eager to get started on it. Lucas put together a rough cost estimate. From the Post Office and Minnesota Metals is the connection point where the water comes into town. This would be the starting point and up to the multimillion dollar homes up on 13. One of the decisions would be if we would have to take out a portion of the road to do this. There might be rock underneath. So this would cost about \$300,000 of fluff. So the bonding bill gave the city \$650,000 for the project with the add on it could be \$900,000 to 1.2 million dollars. But the bonding bill has a zero match. There are other avenues where we could get loans and grants. We need to do a five page report to see if we can get some loans or some grants. Lucas is going to get a hold of MN Dot and get some soil borings to see what we are dealing with for the project. He also got a hold of St Paul Water and their agreement is that we own the pipe and they take care of minor increments. If there is a water main break that is the city's responsibility. But Mendota Heights has signed over all there water rights to St Paul Water, they are not in the water business anymore. St Paul water also requests to be a part of the water installation. This would give all residents the chance to hook up to water. Lucas also worked with the residents at 1293 Second Street to hook up to city water. He also talked to Douglas about shutting off his well. Council member Perron also asked Lucas to look at the ditch by Third and Second Streets. Some of our culverts need to be cleaned out. Attorney contacted for the Windy Ridge dispute. December 4th last day for comments and Lucas is going to be an expert witness.

Tom Loonan said we need to canvas the election, the CARES funding and the emergency meeting for future meetings. Meeting Friday 3pm. November 13th.
Closed staff comment at 8:40pm

13. Adjourn: 8:40 pm Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Donnelly. Seconded by Council member Perron.