

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting-7:30pm Tuesday,
October 12, 2021
Mendota VFW 1323 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota
Minnesota**

1. Call to order: Mayor Mielke called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Present: Mayor Mielke. Council members Golias, Perron, Rasmussen and Donnelly. City Attorney Tom Loonan, City Clerk Kathy Krotter, Captain Wegener, Engineer Lucas Jones, and Building official Mike Andrejka.

4. Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Perron and seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Approved 5-0.

5. Approval of September 13, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve last month's minutes. Approved by Council member Perron and seconded by Council member Rasmussen. Approved 5-0.

6. Treasurer's Report: Motion to move to pay the bills by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council member Golias. Approved 5-0.

7. Building Official Report Mike Andrejka: Mike had no activity. He did receive a call from Axels for advice on extending the outside patio. They want to take out three parking spots. No building permit needed for the patio.

8. Mr. Warren Property update: Mr. Warren had updated plans on the home he wishes to build on his property on D Street and Victoria Curve. The last plans did not fit into a buildable area. From what Mr. Warren has read online he needs to apply for a variance from the DNR in order to get this approved. The DNR suggested that he have someone from the city help him fill out the form, and according to Mr. Loonan there are eight requirements that have to be met. Mr. Loonan offered to help Mr. Warren out. This would also be a good time to have Mr. Warren talk to the planning commission. Mr. Warren also stated that he has

sewer problems. Lucas stated that if you have a lateral you would need a clean out for every 100 feet for the sewer line. We would need MNDots blessing for the use of the manhole that Mr. Warren would like to use. Lucas will get an application for Mr. Warren from MNDot. Mr. Warren stated that he would be sharing a driveway that already exists.

9. 2022 Recycling grant and resolution. City clerk presented the resolution and it was approved.

10. Public Comments: 7:49pm. No Comments. Closed public comment at 7:49 pm.

11. Council Comments: 7:50pm. Council member Rasmussen, nothing.

Council Member Golias suggested new appraisal be done for Tracy's lot and Servion could do it for \$200, not to exceed \$300. Approved 4-0. Mayor Mielke excludes himself from the vote.

Mayor Mielke stated that he had lunch with the Mayor of Mendota Heights and the Mayor of Lilydale at the new Copperfield's restaurant. Mayor stated that there will be an open house at the old Sibley High School, renamed Two Rivers from 10-2 on Saturday 10-16-21. Mayor also received a complaint about the grass needing to be cut next to the house by the parking lot at Axels. Very tall grass and weeds.

Council Member Donnelly said he would not be able to make it to Carl's funeral. Asked if Sentence to serve was still coming out in November. Maybe we should make a combination of vinegar, soap and water to spray on the weeds since they are coming back.

Council Member Perron stated that Carl's celebration of life would be from 3-6 upstairs at the VFW and that the band would play from 5-6pm. (Carl's Family band). Closed council comments at 7:56 pm.

12. Staff Comments: 7:56 pm. Captain Wegener had nothing to report.

Lucas Jones: Talked about the Water main easement, like the one at 4th and lower D Street. Lower D Street does not follow right of way and goes onto private property. There should be an easement acquired for that. Cost would be

around 150 to 200 thousand dollars, but we could add that to the grant money we are requesting, that needs to be completed by Friday the 15th. Amend the cost breakdown, motioned by Council Member Donnelly and seconded by Council Member Golias. Approved 5-0.

Sewer televising had been discussed since we would be tearing up the streets to put in the water mains. This would include water jetting the pipes, scraping anything off inside to clean and inserting a camera to see if there are any cracks, separated joints, and any leaks in the pipes. The Sewer televising had been sent out for quotes and came back with a number of 4100 ft for the project area and 4800 ft for outside the project area. The cost would be around \$2.00 a foot, so the project area would be around \$8500.00 and around \$10,000 outside the project area. Since we are already going to be putting in water we should fix any sewer lines that need to be fixed, nothing has been done since 1983.

Final item, Watershed was finally approved by Met Council for the 2040 Comp Plan.

Lawyer Tom Loonan: Stated he had been working on Axels deal with the patio extensions. Also issues with Bensen Metals, seems Ms. Anderson and Mr. Gust want to split the property Mr. Bensen owns that goes in between their properties. Mr. Benson also has an issue with the MNDot property. Now MNDot charges the city for renting the property and we charge Bensen Metals for the property.

City Clerk Krotter: Tuesday November 9th Representative Hansen will be in Mendota from 7:50 to 8:20 to talk about the water main project, meeting will be held at the VFW.

13. Adjourn: 8:24 pm. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council member Donnelly and seconded by Council Member Golias. Approved 5-0.