

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting-7:30pm Tuesday,
September 13, 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 absent, Substituted by Attorney Anna McCahery. City Clerk Kathy Krotter, Captain Wegener, Engineer Lucas Jones, and Building official Mike Andrejka.
4. Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Golias and seconded by Council Member Perron. Approved 5-0
5. Approval of August 10, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve last month's minutes. Approved by Council member Perron and seconded by Council member Golias. Approved 5-0.
6. Treasurer's Report: Motion to move to pay the bills by Council member Golias and seconded by Council member Perron. Approved 5-0.
7. Building Official Report Mike Andrejka: Mike issued four permits and did not close any.
8. Jennifer Hanevik Garage: Jennifer stated that she and Grayson are interested in building a garage exactly where the foundation is, where the previous owner had already poured. But during their process they found out that the foundation is on city property and too close to the setback lines. Seems their actual property line goes across the street and into Jessica Lee's yard. But all Jennifer and Grayson want to do is build the garage where the foundation is already poured. Setbacks on the side should be 5 feet and in the back should be 15 feet. The lawyer suggested that there could be a purchase agreement or a land swap

agreement, with the city. They would need the necessary ownership to build. They could also pursue an adverse possession claim that says they have been using the land and it has been theirs the whole time that they have lived on the property and have established it as theirs. They could also pursue a variance but even if they were to get a variance from the city they would need some kind of easement or approachment agreement from the city. A private attorney could guide them through these procedures, since the city would not be able to since it is the cities property. Lucas stated that the property is actually on the right of way and not city property. Steve mentioned that street vacations would be a good thing for the city to look into. Lucas suggested some ideas for the road work and the water main project.

Tracy talked about the two lots at the end of his driveway and since 1885, no one owns them. Tracy asked how much the city wants for their lot. Property needs to be appraised again. The appraisal seems to be incorrect.

9. 2022 Preliminary Budget: Budget discussed and preliminary finished.

10. Public Comments: 9:02pm. No Comments. Closed public comment at 9:02 pm.

11. Council Comments: 9:03pm. Council member Rasmussen, nothing. Council Member Golias nothing. Mayor Mielke stated that he had one piece of mail and it was from SAVE. (Suicide Awareness Voices of Education) Dakota County has been nominated for the pilot program and they sent some items to make people aware. Examples: Wrist band, pop socket, pen and a thumb drive. Maybe a brochure that people could read would be most helpful. Mayor said that the Mendota Picnic went great. City clerk thanked everyone for all their help. Thank you notes were sent out. Someone at the picnic suggested that maybe we change the picnic from the second Saturday in September to National Night out, which is the first Tuesday in August. Mayor Mielke also suggested that we should have the trees evaluated again. Some are getting pretty bad. City clerk mentioned Kayla Proctor had called about a tree at the end of the one way and if that falls in the road, people would not be able to get out. We will get bids on the trees. Council Member Donnelly thanked everyone for the picnic and said it was awesome. Powwow was also that weekend, and it went well. Sentence to serve will come out November 1st. Council member Perron, had nothing. Closed council comments at 9:12 pm.

12. Staff Comments: 9:12 pm. Captain Wegener did a run down on August, 30 CAD incidents and 6 case files. Captain asked if anyone had any questions.

Lucas Jones: We got our coverage for our MS4 permit. So it is renewed for another four years. Two items are still open and outstanding with the MS4 and they would be good candidates to go before the planning commission. One is a required site plan review document or check list. The other is an elicit discharge policy or check list, like what to do if you see an oil slick going to a catch basin. These would be due within 12 months of receiving this coverage.

Windy Ridge two, looks like the seeding is taking off pretty well. The basin is still dry, granted we haven't had any rain in a few weeks. Lucas did receive a phone call from Mr. Ray Miller and he is ready to be done with things. He has that second lift of pavement to do before escrow can go back to him and he is going to do some more tinkering to one of the slopes, to try and prevent any erosion until things start to grow in. Mayor sent an e-mail to Lucas he received from Unit one on how they have concerns with the new basin, because he has a family and has no back yard. Lucas is going to reply to Brad (Unit One) and cc to the Mayor.

The 2040 comp plan, the only thing left outstanding is the local water management plan that Met Council was requiring. It deals with all kinds of water in the city, such as surface and ground waters, and how to identify what is happening with it. Close to having a draft done that MSA has copied from other cities that they have done.

Sewer televising has been sent out for quotes for the city to look at, as we approach our water main project, to see if any sewer lines need to be repaired at the same time.

2022 bonding bill, we have a month to amend or change our application, and the woman we met with suggested we change the amount of funds we are requesting and to add in some draft bill language on how it would be presented. It is not a requirement but it is encouraged to find 50% funding elsewhere, or a local match. Right now that is not what we are doing, we are asking for the bulk of it. The remaining portion that we do not have. Lucas would encourage to ask Representative Hansen about what he thinks. There should be more

infrastructure money available. Mayor Mielke talked to Representative Hansen at the fair and he said to leave it at the full 100% ask. They don't have to give us the 100%, they could give us 80% and we would have to come up with the 20%, but we should leave it at the 100% asking.

Final item, some other funding items. We had talked about the jail and there is a Minneapolis foundation that provides money for historical site properties including the Sibley house here previously. Right now they are working on COVID related incidents and rebuilding after the riots, but it wouldn't hurt to reach out and see what they think about the jail.

Lucas stated that he and Kathy have been in touch with the county and they would be the ones we would be in contact with for the CDBG money instead of DEED. Still have plenty of time to apply.

Council member Donnelly asked about the water main project and getting ownership of the streets. Is this something that the city would want to roll into the funding as an expense to help get that covered in clearing up that issue. Property acquisition is an eligible expense. This would be something that we will have to do, especially in certain locations.

Anna spoke for Tom Loonan but Tom did not leave her anything to discuss. She did take notes on everything that was discussed tonight and she will be following up with Tom tomorrow at work.

City Clerk Krotter: Picnic went well. Kathy asked if anyone had noticed Met Council at the station across from her house. Met Council has been over there all week, because the system had been failing. So there was a generator over there keeping the power going. They had Xcel energy out and have been checking the system out every day. After a week they seem to have everything under control. Closed staff comments at 9:27 pm.

13. Adjourn: 9:27 pm. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council member Donnelly and seconded by Council Member Golias. Approved 5-0.