

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting-7:30pm Thursday,
September 8, 2020
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, and Donnelly. City Attorney, Tom Loonan, City Clerk, Kathy Krotter, and Captain Wegener. Building official, Mike Andrejka, Engineer Lucas Jones. Absent Council Member Rasmussen.

4. Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Golias and seconded by Council Member Donnelly. Passed 4-0.

5. Approval of August 13, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve last month's minutes by Council Member Golias and seconded by Council Member Donnelly. With two corrections. Approved 4-0

6. Treasurer's Report: Motion to move to pay the bills by Council Member Golias and Seconded by Council Member Perron. Approved 4-0

7. Building Official report Mike Andrejka: Mike issued one and closed three. Mr. Ray Miller's number 6 home will be done sometime in early October. Trouble getting materials. Having problems getting appliances.

8. Development Proposal of Valley View Oak 3rd addition Mendota Heights: Tom Loonan spoke and stated that he had documentation and a resolution for the council to read over. Mayor Mielke read the documentation. Mr. Loonan stated that we really don't have a lot of options for the city. It is outside of the cities jurisdiction. It is really the political and diplomatic approach. Mendota's Mayor could get a hold of the Mendota Heights Mayor and give the resolution to him as Mendota cities concerns. We have no jurisdiction over this situation. The residents of Mendota Heights are using their own money to investigate the

situation of the new development. Mark and Julie Hunt are leading an investigation and are going to be looking at the Dahlberg and Bruestle residents' property. Mayor Mielke suggested that maybe Council Member Golias would like them to talk to him also. Council member Perron suggested that Council member Golias call the Dahlberg's since they have been contacted already. Resolution resolved by Council Member Golias and seconded by Council Member Donnelly. Tom Loonan is going to reach out to Mendota Heights for documents from the DNR and the developers about the new development. Approved 4-0

9. Charitable gambling request by Brian Hammel: Mr. Hammel is the Youth Hockey director at Henry Sibley High School and needs the city's permission to have charitable gambling at Lucky 13. He has already submitted the forms to the gambling commission at the State of Minnesota and gotten permission from Luckys so all they need is the cities permission. Motion to approve the permit, by Council member Donnelly and seconded by Council Member Perron. Approved 3-1.

10. CARES ACT: Mayor Mielke stated that he has been working with Representative Hansen and the city has received around \$16,000.00 in CAREs money. Tom Loonan stated that there are two things going on here, so the resolution the mayor has in front of him is a separate chunk of CARES act funding that has been delegated by the Secretary of the State for things like hand sanitizer, masks and other things for the election. This CARES funding totaled around \$442 dollars. The resolution was moved by Council member Golias and seconded by Council member Donnelly. Approved 4-0 the second CARES act is the money the Mayor received. The Mayor read off the list of things the money could be used for. One suggestion was a new computer for zoom meetings. Also money to the business's that suffered during the pandemic. Tom Loonan suggested grant applications could be given to business's for money to be distributed to them. The businesses would have to state how COVID has affected their business and what they are going to do with the money. Mayor Mielke suggested that maybe we could give the Beyond Yellow Ribbon program a donation. We would have to truly show that businesses could not donate due to COVID. Another suggestion was to update our website and this would help keep the residences informed, since our website is so out of date.

11. Resolution for Recycling 2021 grant: Resolved by Council Member Golias and seconded by Council Member Perron Approved 4-0

12. 2021 Preliminary Budget: Council went over the budget and motion to approve by Mayor Mielke and seconded by Council member Perron. Budget amount \$152,766.00 Approved 4-0

13: Public Comments: 8:30 pm. Marie stated that the agenda and minutes were not on the website. City clerk apologized and said she forgot, probably saved but forgot to publish on the site. Closed public comment at 8:33 pm

14. Council Comments 8:33 pm Council member Golias had nothing, Council member Donnelly stated that the tribe was not having the POW wow this year but are having a gathering up at the church and some dancing and it will be much smaller. Council member Donnelly also stated that the park could use some cleaning. The wood chips where the playground is has lots of weeds in it. Council member Perron had nothing. Mayor Mielke has mail and he also attended the yellow ribbon program and it has finally been approved, that Mendota is part of the Northern Dakota Cities Yellow Ribbon Program. (Which includes, West St Paul, Mendota Heights and Lilydale.) The city can get little yellow ribbons to put on our population signs at each end of town. Cost would be around \$100. Tree proposal was done by A-1 Walsh. The Mayor has not heard back from them. Closed council comments at 8:40 pm

15. Staff Comments: 8:40 pm Captain reported that they had three cases and twenty three calls. There have been a lot of car jacking's, the cars are stolen and then dropped off in residential areas. And then they pick up another car to steal. Please lock your car doors.

Lucas stated that Mike Miller reached out to Lucas and the Mayor with some questions regarding Windy Ridge and he had some pictures that showed by the share driveway that accepts water looked overgrown and not maintained The other photo was of lot 6 the ditch and culvert has sunken in quite a bit. Lucas had been trying to get a hold of Ray Miller, unfortunately he has not gotten a hold of him. Lucas also sent him an email because he wanted him to get this stuff taken care of. Unfortunately it won't be done, especially for the walk through. Tomorrow Lucas has a walk through with the 4 lawyers, Jay, Jays engineer and himself, to take a look at Windy Ridge second addition. As far as Lucas knows

everyone has finished their depositions, even Ray and Jay, they kept rescheduling. Lucas did two depositions one for Jay's attorney and one for Ray's attorney. Rays attorney did get a hold of Lucas's former boss Brian Miller (he retired this spring) to get some more information from him about phase one. They are planning on doing some testing on the Windy Ridge second addition. A records survey to verify to see if things were installed as they were planned and then an infiltration testing to see what the infiltration rates are. Lucas thinks it will be underneath his required discharge rates. There has been some storm water stuff going on city wide, that included the MS4 permit that the city was working on in July and since the city has been given permission of their own storm water from the state, the MS4 committee had some questions, based on the permitting that the city has and reached out. Lucas sent some stuff for potential funding opportunities for the cities cost for the water main extension. Maybe we could reach out to the CDBG community development for help with the water extension.

Tom Loonan stated that he has been working on the things we talked about earlier in our meeting, the CARES funding and the resolution for Valley View development in Mendota Heights. Tom stated that the NDC4 franchise has a new agreement that has been approved and that they will be coming to our meeting next month, to present that. He did follow up with Jeff Olson and told him to come to a meeting and not contact everyone individually.

City Clerk stated that she did get a new battery for the computer and it is working awesome now. Staff comment closed at 8:57 pm.

16. Adjourn: 8:58 pm Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Donnelly. Seconded by Council Member Golias.