

**City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Tuesday, January 17, 2023
6:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Dean Janzen, Darla Kruser, Andrew Ysker, Bryan Bargen, Mike Nelson

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator; Maryellen Suhrhoff City Attorney;
David Watkins Electric Superintendent

Others Present: Doug Regehr

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 6:30 p.m.

Oath Of Office

Mayor Mike Nelson took his oath of office.

Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda

Motion by Kruser, seconded by Janzen to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

Bills: Checks #26836 – 26871, 858E – 865E

Payroll: Checks #67148 – 67180

Approve October 11 Tree Commission Minutes

Approve December 12 Lake Commission Minutes

Approve December 12 EDA Board Minutes

Approve December 13 Library Board Minutes, December Report, & December
Expenditures

Approve December 22 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve January 3 City Council Minutes

Approve 2023-2025 LELS Agreement

Approve Resolution #4-23 Fire & Ambulance Hall

Review Bonded Indebtedness

Review Liability Coverage- Waiver

Hire Nathan Fast, Ice Rink & Warming House Attendant, effective 1/17/23

Hire Sara Nickel, Library Assistant, effective 1/23/23

Public

No comments

2023 Organizational Items

Mayor Nelson provided an update at the council meeting of new appointments and commissions. Motion by Janzen, second by Borgen to approve the 2023 Designations and Appointments.
Motion carried 5 – 0.

Electric Department

David Watkins, Electric Superintendent presented the generator project to City Council. The roof on the power plant is roughly 20-25 years old and needs to be replaced and the switchgear is 50 years old, at its end of life expectancy. Overall, there are numerous repairs that need to be made. Further, the MPCA has created environmental justice areas in MN, which Mountain Lake has been zoned as an environmental justice area. There has been recent scrutiny in older diesel units due to their efficiency and not renewing permits after major repairs or rebuilds on those older units. Possible options were presented, replacing the old Fairbank generators, and making the necessary repairs and upgrades, approximate costs are \$6 to \$11 million, depending on the option. No decision was made, further discussion will pursue at the Utilities Commission.

City Attorney

An update was given to the council regarding civil processes on various properties, public nuisances, current processes, court procedures, agreements, and plans.

City Administrator

- Review – 2022 YTD Revenues & Expenses
- Discussion – LMC Training
- Discussion – Upcoming Events

2022 YTD revenues and expenses were reviewed. The numbers for 2022 are not final until the 2022 audit is completed, which is typically completed around May or June each year.

Conferences, meetings, and workshops put on by the League of Minnesota Cities, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, and Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association were presented by the administrator. Any council member is invited to attend and should contact the city administrator to be registered. The administrator plans to attend the legislative conferences and summer conferences as time allows.

Roundtable

An update was given to the council regarding board and commission meetings.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk