

**City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Monday, October 2, 2023
6:30 p.m.**

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

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator; Maryellen Suhrhoff City Attorney

Others Present: Maggie Hill, Doug Regehr, Joel Alvstad

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda

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

Motion carried 5 – 0.

- a. Bills: Checks #27604-27649, 962E – 964E
- b. Payroll: Checks #67599-67614
- c. Approve September 14 Utilities Commission Minutes
- d. Approve September 18 City Council Minutes
- e. Approve September Street Department Report
- f. Approve Alliance Church Street Closure Request

Public

Maggie Hill spoke during the public comment section of the meeting.

Street Department

Daron Friesen Street Superintendent requested to purchase a snow pusher, for approximately \$20,302.00. Motion by Janzen, seconded by Kruser to approve the purchase of a snow pusher for the Street Department. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Fire & Ambulance Hall

The city administrator provided an update on building costs and estimates from local developers for the Fire & Ambulance Hall. The council provided direction to keep moving forward on a solution. The city administrator will continue to research on building materials, costs and financing options.

Utilities Commission – Electric Installations

There was a first reading for Ordinance # 4-23 Electric Service Regulations. The ordinance would be amended by adding E in City Code Section 3.40 Subdivision 3 Electrical installations to read as follows: The City shall require a new meter socket for any new construction or service upgrades to be a minimum of 200 AMP lever type meter bypass.

City Attorney

An update was given to the council regarding civil processes on various properties, public nuisances, current processes, court procedures, agreements, and plans. The council and attorney discussed various items and strategies to solve the various nuisances. There was a third reading for regulating the use of cannabis and cannabis derived products in public places. The ordinance was tabled until Cottonwood County passes their ordinance, to confirm our ordinances will be uniform throughout the County.

City Administrator

The administrator provided a reminder of the Senate Capital Investment Committee meeting at City Hall on Wednesday, October 4th, 2023, to request funding in the 2024 bonding bill for our street improvement project.

Roundtable

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

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk