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Regular Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall
Monday, October 1, 2018
6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Dana Kass, Darla Kruser, Mike Nelson, Andrew Ysker

Members Absent: David Savage

City Staff Present: Michael Schulte, City Administrator/Clerk; Maryellen Suhrhoff, City Attorney; Andy Kehren, City Engineer; Rick Oeltjenbruns, Street Superintendent

Others Present: Keith Ramm, Doug Regehr

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda

Motion by Kass, seconded by Kruser, to add item 4.B County Snow Removal Agreement to the agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Ysker, to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Bills: Check #21622-21667, 565E

Payroll Check #64131-64146

Approval of September 13 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approval of September 17 City Council Minutes

Approval of 2019 Capital Improvement Plan

Public

No one addressed the Council during this time.

Street Department Update

Rick Oeltjenbruns, Street Superintendent, provided a list of activities that were completed in September. Zieske Land Surveying has been contacted to plat more lots at the cemetery. The platting will be done either this fall or next spring depending on their schedule. Bathrooms in the park, storage for Christmas decorations, and snow removal were discussed. A tour of the Street Department's shop and the Food Shelf will be scheduled at 5:45PM before the regular scheduled 6:30PM City Council meeting on October 15th. The Council will meet at City Hall, go on the two tours, and return by 6:30PM for the meeting. The city's snow removal policy was reviewed and discussed. Oeltjenbruns explained their process of snow removal and how the policy provides

guidelines and legal grounds. No changes were made from last year's policy Motion by Kass, seconded by Kruser, to approve the snow removal policy for the winter of 2018-2019. Motion carried. The snow removal agreement with Cottonwood County was reviewed and discussed. No changes were made from last year's agreement. Motion by Kass, seconded by Ysker, to approve the winter snow plowing agreement with Cottonwood County as presented. Motion carried.

2nd Avenue Repairs & Concrete Repairs

Kuechle Underground gave the city a quote with two different options to repair 2nd Avenue and a brief quote to do concrete repairs around the city. The quotes did not guarantee the work could be done in 2019. City Attorney Suhrhoff and City Administrator Schulte have been in communication with EMC, Kuechle Underground, and Bolton & Menk. EMC provided the city a letter to acknowledge and respond to the city's claim against the performance bond and stated "In cases such as this, there appears to be a good faith dispute between the Principal and Claimant, a Surety is within its rights to wait for judicial resolution of the underlying dispute. Therefore, based upon existing information, EMC will not be able to take any action or remit any payments in this matter at this time." The next steps include the possibility of Kuechle Underground and Bolton & Menk to do a cost-share to make the repairs or for the city to go into litigation. Since the total repair of 2nd Avenue and the work around the city cannot be guaranteed before winter, the Council gave direction to contact Kuechle to send out a crew to take off some blacktop, lower the manhole, and spread some gravel so traffic and snow plows can move through this winter. Kuechle will be contacted to do this work as soon as possible.

Community Center

A food shelf open house will take place from 3:00PM – 5:00PM on Sunday, October 21st. The food shelf has invited the Council to do a tour of the new food shelf room in which the council will do at 5:45PM before their next scheduled meeting. A new door for the south entrance has been ordered and will be installed later this October.

Coffee with the Council

A coffee with the Council has been set for 12PM on October 24th at The Den. Councilmember Kruser and Ysker will be in attendance.

Ordinance #3-18 – Clarifying Compensation for Mayor & City Council

Ordinance #3-18 was read for the third time. Motion by Ysker, seconded by Kruser, to approve Ordinance #3-18. This ordinance will not go into effect until the new Council is sworn in this January.

City Administrator Report

Ordinances for no motorized vehicles on the trail were discussed. More research will be conducted to possibly adopt city ordinances on this matter. The age to buy tobacco was

discussed. Multiple cities near the metro area are raising the legal purchasing age from 18 to 21. Mayor Nelson and City Administrator Schulte will research this topic further.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Schulte, Administrator/Clerk