

City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Monday, October 16, 2023
6:30 p.m. – Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Greenhouse Public Hearing

Members Present: Andrew Ysker, Dean Janzen, Darla Kruser, Bryan Bargaen

Members Absent: Mike Nelson

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator; Maryellen Suhrhoff City Attorney,
Louis Norell Assistant Police Chief

Others Present: Chris Webb, Doug Regehr, Joel Alvstad, Jill Pankratz, Jean Haberman,
Josiah Bargaen

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Ysker 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 4 – 0.

Bills: Checks #27650-27686, 965E – 972E

Payroll: Checks #67615 – 67651

Approve September 12 Library Board Minutes & Expenditures

Approve September 28 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve October 2 City Council Minutes

Approve Resolution #28-23 \$20,000 Ambulance Donation

Public

No comments

SRDC – Chris Webb Transportation Planner

Chris Webb, SRDC Transportation Planner presented an Active Transportation Grant opportunity. The grant would cover the cost for the infrastructure for a sidewalk, trail, path or bike lane. A proposed trail was discussed, the north side of Prince Street from Golf Course Road moving east until it reached 11th Street. An estimated infrastructure cost was \$585,000, which would be paid by the grant, if awarded. The cost to the City would be the engineering fees, estimated at \$115,000, in addition to the cost to put the above electrical lines underground.

Motion by Kruser, seconded by Bargaen to accept the letter of intent, but the Council will need to

determine the circumstances and specifications of the project at their next meeting. Motion carried 3 – 1. Janzen opposed.

Fire & Ambulance Hall

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

Financial Quarterly Review

Revenues and expenses to date were reviewed.

Utilities Commission – Electric Installations

There was a second 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.

Greenhouse Public Hearing

Hiebert Greenhouses did not attend the public hearing that they requested. No comments from the public during the hearing. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Janzen to continue the hearing for November 6th, and send a letter to Hiebert Greenhouses, providing them with notice. Motion carried 4 – 0.

City Attorney

There was no update regarding civil processes on various properties, public nuisances, current processes, court procedures, agreements, and plans.

City Administrator

Regular meetings of the Council shall be held in the Council Chambers on the first Monday and on the third Monday of each month at 5:45 o'clock P.M, instead of 6:30 o'clock P.M. Motion by Bargaen, seconded by Kruser to approve Ordinance #5-23 City Council Meeting Time. Motion carried 4 – 0. The Council agreed that the future Council can always change the City Council meeting time, whatever time works best with their schedule.

Roundtable

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

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk