

Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall
Monday, October 21, 2024
5:45 p.m.
AGENDA

1. Meeting Called to Order *Additional information on agenda item is attached or at City Hall
2. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda
 - a. Bills: Checks #28735-28765, 1151E – 1172E (1-9)
 - b. Payroll: Checks #68339 – 68390
 - c. Approve September 10 Library Board Minutes & Expenditures (10-12)
 - d. Approve September 16 EDA Minutes (13-14)
 - e. Approve September 26 Utilities Commission Minutes (15-16)
 - f. Approve October 7 City Council Minutes (17-18)
3. Public – A total of ten (10) minutes is allotted for individuals to briefly discuss a topic of concern or provide comments to the Council.
4. City Administrator
 - a. Discussion/Action – Rapid Flashing Beacons for Key Intersections
5. Roundtable
 - a. Discussion/Action – Commissions/Boards Update
6. Adjourn

MOUNTAIN LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
September 10th, 2024

Members Present: Rick H., Rochelle M., Carol L., Rachel B.

Members Absent: Rachel S.

Staff Present: Daniel Mick

Others Present:

Others Absent: Michael Mueller, Andy Ysker

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 PM by Library Acting Chairperson Rachel B.

Reports: Rick H. / Carol L. approved minutes for August 13th, 2024 meeting minutes.

Daniel M. presented the August Monthly reports indicating 3068 total circulation. The expenses for August were \$4624.44. M/S Rick H. / Carol L. to accept the August reports as given and to approve the August expenditures, Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Daniel M. reported the water bottle station has had a filter installed but during the installation some error occurred so they are waiting for Hanson Plumbing to return and double check and see what may have been tripped or turned off. But the Water Bottle station should be functional by the end of the week. The board that attended the dinner meeting with Jon Mews discussed how it went and their take on meeting the libraries donator. Over all it was seen as productive and interesting, sadly no family connections were made as the family seemed to have fully left Mt. Lake leaving no family members behind. Even so Jon's connection to the library and Mt. Lake is strong and he hopes to leave a lasting impression on the place that did the same to him.

In New Business: We are moving into fall and the two projects Jon would like to see done by the end of winter is the purchase of new seating and storage rack as well as shelf end caps that will have built in spots for shelves. Daniel believes this will make the library feel more complete and work with the natural wood feel the library gives off.

Director Check In: Reaching out to the library board Daniel requesting ideas for adult programming so mix things up a bit. Several expressed wanting a return of the appraiser from Antique Roadshow, Stan Tequila (animal programmer) and Nature Smart.

Materials Suggested: NONE

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Mick

LIBRARY EXPENDITURES

Expenditure	Description	Budget #	Total
Peterson Pharmac	Label Maker & Container	200	\$22.42
Peterson Pharmac	Watch Batteries	200	\$9.59
Mn Energy	Gas Bill	383	\$19.24
AK Pho LLC	Jon Mewes Dinner	430	\$69.91
Amazon	4104227-Norm's Rock	430	\$36.89
Amazon	4377800-Norm Supplies	430	\$7.99
Amazon	6291402-Music Album(Miss Purchase,	430	\$8.99
Amazon	6189048-Sun Lamp - Norm	430	\$64.39
Amazon	8039461-Bullitin Board Materials &	430	\$169.16
Amazon	9803406-Decorations	430	\$19.99
Amazon	3563465-Busy Board	430	\$20.99
Amazon	0789065-Dry Food For Norm	430	\$35.00
Pet Supplies	Crickets	430	\$32.88
Peterson Pharm	Heat Pad	430	\$26.71
Vital Animal Vet	Norm Check Up & Care	430	\$125.86
Amazon	3084257- 1000 Book Medals	434	\$18.15
Amazon	6586615-1000 Book Rewards	434	\$88.69
Folding Chairs & T	New Seating & Dtorage Rack	434	\$2,772.61
Abebooks	Replacment Book	590	\$6.40
Amazon	0098621-Book	590	\$10.99
Amazon	0273048-Book	590	\$8.29
Amazon	7239444-Book	590	\$25.20
Amazon	6777058-Book	590	\$14.39
Amazon	0439468-Book	590	\$8.09
Amazon	9001012-Book	590	\$7.97
Ingram	Monthly Book Order	590	\$640.28
Comfrey Times	Renewal	591	\$45.00
National Geograph	Renewal	591	\$59.00
Amazon	9501015-DVD	592	\$22.99
Amazon	5213846-DVD	592	\$21.98
Amazon	7823436-DVD(Refunded)	592	\$20.99
Amazon	4340267-DVD	592	\$20.99
Amazon	2860266-DVD	592	\$17.95
Amazon	0049859-DVD	592	\$16.29
Amazon	0793044-Book	592	\$16.99
Amazon	2898610-DVD	592	\$19.99
Amazon	2565028-DVD	592	\$11.99
Amazon	9555456-DVD	592	\$19.96
Amazon	0524214-DVD	592	\$15.99
Amazon	2869812-DVD	592	\$20.29
Amazon	2958648-DVD	592	\$27.99
		Sub-Total:	\$4,629.46

**Mountain Lake
Public Library
SEPTEMBER 2024**

Children	
Audio	24
Books	1252
DVDs	101
Non Print	4
Multi Media	15
Periodicals	8
ADULT	
Audio	36
Books	518
DVDs	106
Non Print	5
Multi Media	18
Periodicals	7
Other Physical Media	4
SUBTOTAL:	2098
Ebooks	37
Downloadable Audio	81
TOTAL CIRCULATION:	2716
ILLN(MNLink)	50
Interlibrary Loan Sent	209
Interlibrary Loan Received	241

REVENUE	
Cash Income	\$ -
County Revenue	\$ 13,445.25
Donations (Monetary)	\$ -
Fines	\$ -
Misc. Revenue	\$ 111.98
Meeting Room Rental	\$ -
Sale of supplies	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 13,557.23
EXPENDITURES	
Books	\$ 721.61
Periodicals	\$ 104.00
Audio/Visual	\$ 254.39
Gas Utilities	\$ 19.24
Janitorial Supplies	\$ -
Office Supplies	\$ 32.01
Library Supplies	\$ -
Postage	\$ -
Project Expense	\$ 2,879.45
Repairs & Maintenance Building	\$ -
Repairs & Maint-Materials	\$ -
Tech/Automation Expense	\$ -
Telephone	\$ -
Training & Instruction	\$ -
MISC.	\$ 618.76
PCLS Delivery	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 4,629.46

Economic Development Authority
Monday, September 16, 2024
Mt. Lake City Hall
Council Chambers

PRESENT: Jerry Haberman, Phil Skow, Mike Nelson, Darla Kruser and Eillen Augustin. Vern Peterson and Clara Johson, Advisors.

ABSENT: Steve Syverson

STAFF: Rod Hamilton and Tabitha Garloff

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: Michael Mueller

GUEST: Travis Smith, The Den Bar and Grill

1. CALL TO ORDER: President Haberman called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.
2. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda
Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of August 22nd, 2024, Meeting Minutes.
 - b. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills. Motion made by Mike to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Phil. Motion carried.
3. Krienke Foods International, Inc. Update. Payments are current to registered letter notification. This month past legal expense invoice was included. The monthly legal fee will be included in notices going forward.
4. Hotel Update/Discussion/Meeting with Local Bank. Rod gave a brief update stating that he, Harchako and Jerry are meeting with a bank to discuss and review the pro-forma and the hotel study. Additional information will be provided at the October board meeting.
5. 12-Unit Apartment Update. Grant awards are reported to be announced next week.
6. Mountain Lakers MnDOT Meeting Discussion on East/West Interchanges and County Road 1 Interchange. The group met and discussed MnDOT's proposed Interchanges and other options that may be more viable to the community.
7. Lakeview Estates Phase II 1031 Land Exchange. Rod stated they met with a private developer that is interested in developing Lakeview Estates phase II. Rod will be addressing the city council regarding purchasing adjacent land from a private landowner. Once that land is purchased the city will do a 1031 land exchange with the landowner of the property that would be used for Lakeview Estates Phase II. The private developer and the EDA would then be able to purchase the land from the city.
8. Welcome Sign. Update. Tabitha is working with a Minnesota based sign company on the welcome sign. She will provide an update when it is received.
9. Commercial Park. Update if time allows. Nothing new to report.

10. Business Leads. Update if time allows. Nothing new to report.

11. A) Heritage Estates:

- Storage Shed Repair. Tabitha will get bids on repairing the shed.
- Tenant Request for a Pro-Shed for personal use. Discussed the pros and cons of allowing storage shed. Tabled until next meeting.
- Water Intrusion issue at 405 Heritage Drive. Staff will contact someone to look at the landscaping and gutters to fix any future water issues.
- Cluster Mailboxes. Tabitha discussed installing cluster boxes at Heritage Estates at the same time they are installed at Lakeview Estates.

B) Lakeview Estates

- Cluster Mailboxes Required by Post Office at Lakeview Estates. The post office stated anytime there are 5 or more addresses added to a subdivision cluster boxes are required. Discussion continued. Tabitha will gather more information for the next meeting.

12. Open Board Position Recommendations. Travis Smith attended the meeting to observe. Mayor Nelson appointed Travis to the EDA Board of Directors.

13. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- a. Next Regular Board Meeting is October 21st, 2024
- b. Other Business. Rod reported he contacted Sheldon Iowa EDA regarding information on the new development strip mall they constructed. Rod stated that the projects were done by local investors partnering with a local bank. They did not have an investment group. Discussion continued.

14. ADJOURN. President Haberman adjourned the meeting at 12:49 p.m.

**Mountain Lake Utilities Commission Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall
Thursday, September 26, 2024
7 AM**

Members Present: David Savage; Todd Johnson; Mark Langland; Sue Garloff; City Council Liaison Dean Janzen

Members Absent: Brian Janzen

Staff Present: Michael Mueller, City Administrator; Jill Falk; Utilities Office Manager; Dave Watkins; Electric Superintendent; Steve Peters; Lineman; Taylor Nesmoe; Water/Wastewater Superintendent; Scott Pankratz; Water/Wastewater

Others Present:

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7 AM.

Approval of Minutes and Bills

Motion by Garloff, seconded by Johnson to approve the September 12th Minutes and Check Numbers 23692-23725 (585E-587E). Motion carried.

Electric Department

As previously discussed, the Farabee quote for the repairs needed for generator #2 was received. The cost, around \$50,000, will repair the liner so the generator can run. Once completed, the generator will be operational and plan to be retired next May. This will hopefully avoid the fines from MISO for the down engine and loss of capacity. The generator will only be used as an emergency backup. A motion was made by Langland and then seconded by Johnson to accept the option #1 quote from Farabee for \$51,799 to replace the #5 liner. Farabee should be available in October to begin the repairs.

Watkins provided quotes from Lano Equipment (Shakopee) for the mini excavator, ranging from \$57,000-\$67,000. After reviewing all options, he is interested in the Bobcat for \$57,000, which includes a municipal discount. The budget includes a \$20,000 line item for underground equipment, which has not been used this year. Watkins also mentioned there should be funds from previous years budgeted that were not used. As this quote will be valid until the end of the year, the excavator purchase will be tabled to further review the budget and available funds.

Mueller discussed the Proposed Project Budget presented by Barr Engineering. This would cover the support costs needed for Barr during the construction of the building for the power plant. These costs were not included in the original quote for the power plant. With the total cost of support ranging from \$405,000 to \$688,000, the level of support needed must be decided. Mueller will schedule a call or Teams meeting to discuss all options and alternatives.

Water/Wastewater Department

Nesmoe stated that they have been continuing the sewer cleaning now that the jetter maintenance is complete. However, there was a sewer back-up on Castle Drive due to a computer failure. There was one basement that was affected. He stated that they have also replaced a few sensors in the R.O. and needed to adjust the chemicals to level it out. Well #7 will be having the maintenance completed this year. This will cost around \$7000; however, Mueller advised that we did receive a grant last year for \$10,000, which he will apply for again.

City Administrator

Mueller has been working with Revolve Labs to bring a data center to Mountain Lake. This will be for A.I. instead of Bitcoin and could exceed \$250,000 in revenue for the utilities. At only 40 - 50 decibels, the A.I. center will not be as loud as Bitcoin, which is assessed at 70 decibels. They will be purchasing a building east of the substation and covering all costs for connecting services. The substation can manage a max of 14 MWh with Milk Specialties using around 2 MWh. It will take at least six months to work with ITC to transfer the power and switch the lines from Springfield (N-S) to Butterfield (E-W). A power purchase agreement will also be put into place to calculate rates based on the market value.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 a.m.

ATTEST:

Jill Falk, Utilities Office Manager

**City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Monday, October 7, 2024
5:45 p.m.**

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

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator

Others Present: Doug Regehr, Deanna Anderson, Kim Nass

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 5:45 p.m.

Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda

Motion by Bargen, seconded by Ysker to add City Attorney to the agenda (may be closed due to attorney-client privilege. Motion carried 5 – 0. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Janzen to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Bills: Checks #28681-28734, 1145E – 1150E

Payroll: Checks #67599-67614

Approve September 12 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve September 16 City Council Minutes

Approve September Street Department Report

Approve Alliance Church Street Closure Request, Trunk or Treat, October 31st, 5th
Avenue between 8th St & 9th St, from 4-7:30pm

Public

No Comments.

City Administrator

3rd Quarter revenues and expenses to date were reviewed.

Roundtable

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

Utilities Commission and Planning and Zoning will be reviewing a request to build a data center in our Industrial District within city limits, for Artificial Intelligence (AI) only, no bitcoin or cryptocurrency mining. The main difference between AI data centers and Cryptocurrency data centers is the noise level. The AI data center will be anticipated to be around 50 dB, while cryptocurrency mining would be 70 dB – 90 dB. The company would be looking at noise reduction fencing to reduce the impact of the noise. The AI data center would be located next to Milk Specialties and Balzer. The anticipated load to start would be 10 MW. Mountain Lake would receive an estimated \$250,000 in revenue each year from the data center, and the city would be able to keep our rates lower if they came to town, as the electric rates are expected to increase 8% for the next two years to cover the cost of the new power plant.

City Attorney

The meeting was closed due to attorney-client privilege, MN Statute 13D.05 subdivision 3 (b). No action was taken.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk