

**Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall
Monday, October 7, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

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

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Michael Schulte, City Administrator/Clerk; Maryellen Suhrhoff, City Attorney; Will Pohlmann, Police Officer

Others Present: Sue Garloff, Deanna Anderson, Observer/Advocate; Jennifer Klassen, Justin Klassen, Gloria McKissick, Jay Schied, Anne Reese, Marty Seifert and Braxton Seifert, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

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 Kruser, seconded by Savage, to add 8.B Discussion – Labor Negotiations Timeline and 8.C Land Negotiations (meeting may be closed as allowed in MN Statutes 13D.05). Motion carried. Motion by Kass, seconded by Ysker, to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Bills: Checks #22965 – 22932, 625E – 627E

Payroll: Checks #64855 – 64872

Approve June 3 Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes

Approve August 20 Police Commission Minutes

Approve August 23 EDA Board Minutes

Approve September 6 Special EDA Board Minutes

Approve September 13 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve September 16 City Council Minutes

Public

Jay Schied asked if the 2020 budget has been finalized. The preliminary levy has been set but the final levy and final budget is set in December. Schied encouraged the council to budget more dollars towards lake and trail maintenance.

Legislation Report – Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

Marty Seifert from the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities provided a legislation report of the 2019 legislative session. A \$26M increase in base funding for 2020 and an additional \$4M increase in 2021 was passed. HF 80 was adopted, which approved \$59M in GO bonds to unlock PFA funding approved in 2018. This unlocked the funds for the city's upcoming wastewater project. Street funding was not resolved in 2019 and will be a top priority in 2020. The city is not expected to receive any street funding from the state in 2020. Other legislation such as child care, business grants, and transportation were discussed. The council thanked Seifert for the report and the work the CGMC does for Mountain Lake.

Street Department Report

Rick Oeltjenbruns, Street Superintendent, provided a report of activities completed in September. The campground was closed today for the season. Virgil will be returning as the campground attendant next year. As of today, all the punch list items from the 2012-2014 street project along with 2nd Ave were fixed. 2nd Ave and the Parkwood alleyway were paved.

Mountain Lake Cemetery

Two new additions, D-4 and D-5, were platted in the Mountain Lake Cemetery by Zieske Land Surveying. How lots would be sold, procedures, headstones and flat stones, and costs of plots were discussed. D-4 is in a flat stone section and will remain as flat stones. Plots in D-5 can either be headstones or flat stones and will be sold consecutively in a row from south to north starting in the southeast corner heading west. The top middle section of D-5 will be sold last. Direction was given to the administrator to formulate a policy or ordinance that follows these procedures. The Planning & Zoning Committee approved the plot and a motion and approval is needed from the council to formally approve. Motion by Ysker, seconded by Kass, to approve the plat of D-4 and D-5 to the Mountain Lake Cemetery. Motion carried.

2019-2020 Snow Removal Policy

The 2019-2020 snow removal policy was reviewed. No changes were made from last year's policy. Motion by Savage, seconded by Kass, to approve the 2019-2020 Snow Removal Policy. Motion carried.

2019-2020 Winter Snow Agreement with Cottonwood County

No changes were made from last year's agreement besides extending the last day of removal to April 30 instead of March 31. The city will do routine maintenance of the county roads in city limits. The county will reimburse the city \$3,600 for the 3 miles of snow removal maintenance. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Ysker, to approve the 2019-2020 Winter Snow Agreement with Cottonwood County. Motion carried.

Councilmember Ysker left the meeting to respond to an ambulance call.

Ordinance #6-19 Amending Zoning Regulations

The ordinance adds a new subdivision and amends Section 9.30 to clarify and set up a process of when a use is not listed in city code. The use will be reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Commission to determine what type of use it will be and what zone is the proper fit for the new use. The ordinance was read for the first time.

City Attorney

The judge has 90 days to create an order for the city – Hiebert Greenhouses case. A trial was held at the end of September. Citations and nuisances were briefly discussed.

3.2% Off-Sale Beer License – Casey’s General Store

A 3.2% off-sale beer license was applied for my Casey’s General Store for their new location. All documentation and payment were received. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Kass, to approve the 3.2% off-sale beer license. Motion carried.

Labor Negotiations Timeline

Both the AFCMSE and Law Enforcement Labor Services unions have sent a notification of intent to negotiate to the city administrator. Timelines were discussed. A special meeting will tentatively be scheduled for 3:00p.m. on Tuesday, November 12.

Land Negotiations

Motion by Kass, seconded by Kruser, to close the public meeting and open the closed meeting at 7:37p.m. to discuss land negotiations. Motion carried. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Kass, to close the closed meeting and open the public meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried. No action taken.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Approved October 21, 2019

ATTEST:

Michael Schulte, Administrator/Clerk