

**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 31<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>  
Avenue between 8<sup>th</sup> St & 9<sup>th</sup> St, from 4-7:30pm

**Public**

No Comments.

**City Administrator**

3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

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Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk