

**City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Monday, November 2, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Dean Janzen, Dana Kass, Darla Kruser, Mike Nelson

Members Absent: Andrew Ysker

City Staff Present: Joe McCabe, Interim City Administrator, Rob Anderson, EDA Director

Others Present: Julie Foote, Tim Johnson, Rachel Yoder, Bryan Bargaen, Doug Regehr

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda

Motion by Kass, seconded by Kruser, to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried 4– 0-1.

Bills: Checks # 25430-25487, 753E

Payroll: Checks # 66288-66310

Approve July 19 and September 14 Library Board Minutes, July, August, September Library Report, and July, August, September Expenditures

Approve September 20 EDA Board Minutes

Approve October 14 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve October 18 City Council Minutes

Public

Rachel Yoder spoke during the public comment section of the meeting.

Public Hearing The council meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm and a public hearing was held regarding the tax abatement for twin home being constructed by Bargaen, Inc. Bryan Bargaen reviewed the project for the council. No other public comments were received. The public hearing was adjourned at 6:40 pm. And the council meeting was reconvened.

Resolution 22-21 A motion was made by Kruser, seconded by Kass to adopt Resolution 22-21, a resolution approving tax abatement for certain property pursuant to Minn. Stat § 469.1813. Voting in favor of said resolution Nelson, Janzen, Kruser, Kass. Voting against none with Ysker absent, motion carried.

Resolution 23-21. A motion was made by Kruser, seconded by Janzen to adopt Resolution 23-21 a resolution declaring Slum and Blight Area. Voting in favor of said resolution Nelson, Kruser, Kass and Jensen. Voting against none, with Ysker absent, motion carried.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Anderson along with Julie Foote and Tim Johnson reviewed the MOU for the council. This is an agreement between the City of Mountain Lake, Mountain Lake Economic Development and MVTV Wireless. A motion was made by Kass, seconded by Kruser to approve the MOU. Motion passed 4-0-1. Kass and Nelson agreed to be on the committee.

Street Department Report

The report of Daron Friesen, Street Superintendent, was presented to the council with the activities in October.

Resolution 24-21. A motion was made by Kruser, seconded by Kass to accept a donation from the Mountain Lake Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$ 3,000.00. Motion passed 4-0-1.

City Attorney- A motion was made by Kruser, seconded by Kass to authorize the City Attorney to proceed with the probate of the estate to obtain a clear title to the property located at 209 9th Street. Motion passed 4-0-1. An update was given to the council regarding the civil process on two properties.

Special City Council meeting. A special council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9th at 7:00 pm to review and accept the bid for the sale of the 2021A bond issue.

Close City Hall – November 26

Motion by Janzen seconded by Kruser, to close City Hall on November 27. Motion carried 4-0-1. Staff have the option to work or use a vacation / floating holiday.

Interim City Administrator

Informed the council that the city website had been hacked and that the service provider recommended that the city explore a new software program. More information will follow at a later date. McCabe thanked the council, staff and community for allowing him to work for the city in the interim, as this is his last meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Joe McCabe, Interim Administrator/Clerk