

**City of Mountain Lake  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave  
Monday, November 18, 2024  
6:00 p.m.**

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

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator; Rod Hamilton EDA Director; Daron Friesen Street Superintendent

Others Present: Tom Appel, Doug Regehr, Nick Klisch

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 6:00 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda**

Motion by Bargen, seconded by Janzen to add Cottonwood County Street Signs to the agenda.

Motion carried 5 – 0. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Ysker to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Bills: Checks #28804 – 28835, 1184E-1200E

Payroll: Checks #68408 – 68444

Approve October 8 Library Board Minutes, Report, & Expenditures

Approve October 15 Lake Commission Minutes

Approve October 21 EDA Minutes

Approve October 24 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve November 4 & 12 City Council Minutes

Approve Resolution #15-24 \$15,000 Fire Relief Donation

Approve Resolution #16-24 Unpaid Public Nuisance Abatement Charges – Lawn

**Public**

No Comments.

**Cottonwood County - Street Signs**

Nick Klisch Cottonwood County Engineer discussed the poor condition and amount of church and business signs on CSAH 1, CSAH 27, and CSAH 29 in Mountain Lake. The City and Cottonwood County will work together to remove and/or replace these signs. The Cottonwood County Board will discuss the 50/50 cost share for the installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon on CSAH 1 at their meeting on November 19, 2024.

## **Street Department**

Daron Friesen Street Superintendent presented four bids to purchase a new pickup truck for the Street Department. Motion by Bargaen, seconded by Kruser to approve the bid for a 2025 Chevy Silverado 3500 for \$53,298 at Mountain Lake Automotive. Motion carried 5 – 0.

## **EDA – Hotel Developer**

The hotel developer has requested that the city provide a deferred loan to help fill the financing gap required to meet the bank's loan conditions. This would enable the group to secure the necessary funding and move forward with the development.

In return for the deferred loan agreement, the hotel investment group has agreed to expand the project's amenities, including the creation of a pool that will be accessible to the community. This partnership will provide local residents with recreational access, while also helping the group meet the city's goals for a public pool and community benefit.

The investment group will assume full responsibility for the ongoing maintenance and repairs of the pool, with no obligation for the city to cover any associated costs. The specific details are still to be determined, but there is a plan to offer pool passes for the community, which could be available on a daily, monthly, or yearly basis.

Motion by Janzen, seconded by Bargaen to approve a \$600,000 deferred loan for a term of 20 years, contingent on an agreement with the investment group. Motion carried 5 – 0.

## **City Administrator**

Discussion – 2025 Budget & TNT Meeting on December 3

Discussion/Action – Ordinance # 3-24 Hours & Days of Beer & Liquor Sales

Discussion/Action – Intoxicating Liquor; Sunday Sales; On-Sale; License Fee

A reminder was given for the Truth-In-Taxation meeting at 5:45pm on December 3, 2024. There will be more discussion and information regarding the 2025 budget and levy, as well as providing dollar amounts.

Ordinance #3-24 allows Sunday On Sale Liquor to be sold in Mountain Lake. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Janzen to approve Ordinance #3-24 Hours & Days of Beer & Liquor Sales. Motion carried 5 – 0. Motion by Bargaen, seconded by Ysker to charge \$100.00 for the permit fee for On Sale Sunday Liquor. Motion carried 5 – 0.

**Roundtable**

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

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk

**Truth-In-Taxation Meeting 5:45PM, Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Regular City Council Meeting – 5:45PM, Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>**