

**City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Monday, November 3, 2025
5:45 p.m.**

Members Present: Bryan Bargaen, Andrew Ysker, Jeff Jack, Mike Nelson

Members Absent: Darla Kruser

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator

Others Present: Deanna Anderson, Mary Grack

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda

Motion by Bargaen, seconded by Ysker to add DEED Small Cities update to the agenda. Motion carried 4 – 0. Motion by Bargaen, seconded by Jack to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Bills: Checks #29567-29594, 1577e-1587e

Payroll: Checks # 69124-69140

Approve October 9 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve October 20 City Council Minutes

Approve \$71,958.68 Transfer from Police Savings to General Fund

Approve \$71,033.37 Transfer to Street Department Savings

Accept Emily Bentson Resignation, EMT

Public

No comment

Power Sales Agreement – Purchase Wind Energy

Power Sales Agreement was reviewed. The Power Sales Agreement is between Central Municipal Power Agency/Services and the City of Mountain Lake to purchase wind energy. This wind energy contract will help with our renewable energy and carbon free obligations. Additionally, it helps stabilize our electricity rates by reducing reliance on purchasing power on the open market. Motion by Jack, seconded by Bargaen to approve the power sales agreement. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Public Hearing – Small Cities Update

Mary Grack presented an update on the DEED Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) in Mountain Lake. SCDP provided Mountain Lake with \$759,000 in funding to both residential and commercial property owners. For residential owners, the program supported rehabilitation and improvement of owner-occupied housing that serves low- to moderate-income households, including upgrades to roofs, siding, windows, plumbing, electrical systems, and accessibility features. For commercial property owners, the program funded rehabilitation of commercial buildings, such as façade improvements, structural repairs, ADA compliance, and energy efficiency upgrades, in the downtown area. Projects primarily benefited low- to moderate-income individuals, address blight, or eliminate urgent threats to public health or safety. An overview of the projects in Mountain Lake were presented.

City Administrator

The meeting was closed at 6:20 p.m. for the purpose of the City Administrator's performance evaluation and reopened at 7:00 p.m. Following the closed session, the City Administrator's evaluation was completed, no action taken.

Roundtable

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

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk