

**City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Monday, December 16, 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; Doug Bristol Police Chief; Louis Norell Assistant Police Chief

Others Present: Ken & Rachel Yoder, Cary & Laurie Bartsch

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 Kruser to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

Bills: Checks #28880-28924, 1214E-1229E (1-9)

Payroll: Checks #68484-68526

Approve November 12 Lake Commission Minutes (10-11)

Approve November 12 Library Minutes, Report, & Expenditures (12-14)

Approve November 18 EDA Minutes (15-16)

Approve November 27 Utilities Commission Minutes (17-18)

Approve December 3 City Council Minutes (19-21)

Approve Resolution #22-24 – \$6,500 Fire Relief Donation (22)

Accept Dawn Fast Resignation, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, effective 12/20/2024

Approve Promotion- Alyssa Nesmoe for Deputy Clerk- Treasurer, effective 12/23/2024, Step 4

Accept Doug Bristol Resignation, Police Chief, effective 12/31/2024

Approve Promotion- Louis Norell for Police Chief, effective 1/1/2025, Step 4

Public

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

Fire & Ambulance Hall

City Council has been working on getting estimates to determine the feasibility of building a new Fire & Ambulance Hall. For planning purposes, a potential developer is working on getting specs and costs for a Fire & Ambulance Hall, they are waiting on sub-contractor estimates. Once the

potential developer gets all the estimates, they will bring this back to the City Council for further discussion and/or action.

City Administrator

- Discussion/Action – Cottonwood County Cannabis Ordinance
- Discussion/Action – Mountain Lake 500 ft Buffer
- Discussion/Action – Joint Powers Agreement

Local governments may adopt an ordinance that limits the number of licensed retail cannabis businesses to one per 12,500 residents. If a county has one active registration for every 12,500 residents, a city within the county is not obligated to register a cannabis business. Cottonwood County is requesting authority from the Mountain Lake City Council to implement all non-zoning regulations (caps, buffers, hours of operation) and registration. The City would only keep zoning authority for cannabis businesses.

The cannabis ordinance and agreement were tabled.

Roundtable

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

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk