

City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Tuesday, December 19, 2023
5:45 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Bryan Bargaen

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator; Maryellen Suhrhoff City Attorney

Others Present: Doug Regehr, Joel Alvstad, Julie Falk, Tim Herron, Scott Yerington

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda

Motion by Janzen, seconded by Ysker to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried 4 – 0.

Bills: Checks #27840-27893, 993E-999E

Payroll: Checks #67761-67800

Approve November 13 Lake Commission Minutes

Approve November 14 Library Minutes, Report, & Expenditures

Approve November 20 EDA Minutes

Approve November 22 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve December 5 City Council Minutes

Approve Resolution #35-23 – Adopting an Expense Report

Approve Resolution #36-23 – \$10,000 Fire Relief Donation

Public

No comments.

City Insurance Agent

City Council reviewed two proposals from United Prairie Insurance and Hanson Agency for their rate of commission to be the city's insurance agent. The City had previously rotated from each agency every three years, but decided they will bid from now on, every three years, and the lowest bidder will be awarded the contract to be the insurance agent. The lowest bidder for this contract was United Prairie Insurance.

Motion by Ysker, seconded by Kruser to approve Resolution #37-23 Appoint a City Insurance Agent. Motion carried 4 – 0

Fire & Ambulance Hall

The city administrator is still waiting to hear back from EPS, Bulter Steel, and Lester Buildings on estimated costs and specs for the Fire & Ambulance Hall. Councilmember Janzen spoke with the city clerk from the City of Jeffers, they are working towards building a Fire & Ambulance Hall. The City of Jeffers is consulting with Pinpoint Corporation, located out of South Dakota to engineer and apply for grants for their hall. The city administrator will continue to research building materials, costs and financing options.

City Attorney

An update was given to the council regarding civil processes on various properties, public nuisances, current processes, court procedures, agreements, and plans.

City Administrator

A list of expiring and vacancies for the various city boards and commissions were briefly discussed. Mayor Nelson is still working on the list and contacting those whose term expires at the end of this year and finding vacancies.

The Council reconfirmed from their previous motion on February 21, 2023, that they want the city administrator to put the question on the ballot at the general election, November 5, 2024, to ask the voters about whether or not to allow Sunday On Sale Liquor in Mountain Lake.

The question on the ballot shall read, “Shall the city council be allowed to issue on-sale licenses to restaurants, clubs, bowling centers, and hotels for the sale of intoxicating liquor at retail on Sundays? Yes or No”.

Roundtable

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

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk