

**City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Tuesday, December 20, 2022
6:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Dean Janzen, Dana Kass, Andrew Ysker, Mike Nelson

Members Absent: Darla Kruser

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator; Maryellen Suhrhoff City Attorney;
Daron Friesen Street Superintendent

Others Present: Marty Seifert, Doug Regehr

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda

Motion by Janzen, seconded by Kass, to add the Coalition of Greater MN Cities to the agenda. Motion carried 4– 0. Motion by Kass, seconded by Ysker to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 4– 0.

Bills: Checks #26732-26777, 842E-850E

Payroll: Checks #67081 – 67115

Approve Library Board November 8, Minutes, November Report, and November Expenditures

Approve November 14 Lake Commission Minutes

Approve November 21 EDA Minutes

Approve November 23 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve December 6 City Council Minutes

Approve Hiring Melissa Henry, EMT, effective 12/20/22

Approve Resolution #28-22 Extending Participation in the Cottonwood County Home Initiative Program

Public

No comments

Street Department

Daron Friesen, Street Superintendent, provided a report on all vehicles in the Street Department's fleet. The Street Department will be selling the 1973 International and looking to

replace it with a used plow truck. Motion by Janzen, seconded by Ysker to approve the Street Department to purchase a used plow truck, not to exceed their reserve budget. Motion carried 4–0.

Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

Marty Seifert with the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities provided a recap of the 2022 Legislative Session for the council.

Utilities – 2023 Electric, Water, & Wastewater Rates

The 2023 rates were presented. The Northland Securities study in mid-2019, recommended to continue to raise water and sewer rates by 2% for the next 5 years from the time of the study. Motion by Janzen, seconded by Ysker, to approve the 2023 budget and Resolution #27-22 electric, water, and wastewater rates as presented. Motion carried 4 – 0.

City Attorney

An update was given 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.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk