

**City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Tuesday, December 6, 2022
6:30 p.m. – Truth In Taxation Public Budget Meeting
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Members Present: Dean Janzen, Dana Kass, Darla Kruser, Andrew Ysker, Mike Nelson

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator; Maryellen Suhrhoff City Attorney,
Ben McHenry Police Officer

Others Present: Jay Schied, Tom Appel, Hugh Simon, Alan Herrig, Doug Regehr

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda & Public Meeting to Discuss 2023 Budget

Review – Preliminary 2023 Summary Budget and Tax Levy

Review – Local Government Aid

Review – 2023 Capital Improvement Plan

Review – 2023 Budget Packet

The administrator reviewed and explained the preliminary 2023 summary budget and tax levy, Local Government Aid, levy information, the 2023 Capital Improvement Plan, and the 2023 budget packet as approved in September. The preliminary levy was set at a 9% increase. The total levy is \$975,526.69, an \$81,970.07 increase from last year. Jay Schied, Hugh Simon, and Alan Herrig asked questions regarding the budget and levy increase. A large amount of the levy increase, \$35,061.35, will be budgeted for the County Ditch 21 assessment. No changes were made to the levy or budget.

Resolution #25-22 - 2023 Final Levy & 2023 Budget

Motion by Janzen, seconded by Ysker, to approve Resolution #25-22 – 2023 Final Levy & 2023 Budget. Motion carried 5– 0.

Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda

Motion by Kruser, seconded by Kass, to add the third and final readings for Ordinance #5-22 & #6-22, as well as Nixle to the agenda. Motion carried 5– 0. Motion by Kass, seconded by Ysker to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 5– 0.

Bills: Checks #26679-26731,840E-900E
Payroll: Checks #67042 – 67081
Approve October 17 & 26 EDA Minutes
Approve November 10 Utilities Commission Minutes
Approve November 18 & 21 City Council Minutes
Approve November Street Department Report
Approve Resolution #26-22 – Establishing Polling Place for 2023
Hire Ken Classen, Jean Haberman & Anthony Aragon, Ice Rink & Warming House Attendant, effective 12/6/22
Approve City Surplus - Karcher Tornado Floor Sweeper

Public

Hugh Simon, Doug Regehr, and Tom Appeal spoke during the public comment section of the meeting.

2023 Items

Motion by Janzen, second by Kruser to approve 2023 wages, salaries, and step changes accordingly for each employee. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Street Department

The Street Department would like to purchase a used snow plow truck. No action taken; item was tabled.

City Attorney

There was a third and final reading regarding a proposed ordinance change regarding section 4.07, 5.32 & 5.60 of the city code. Motion by Kass, seconded by Janzen, to approve Ordinance #5-22 Amending Section 4.07 Building Maintenance. Motion carried 5– 0. Motion by Ysker, seconded by Kruser, to approve Ordinance #6-22 Amending Liquor Regulations. Motion carried 5– 0.

City Administrator

Review – Board/Commission Appointments for 2023
Review – Meeting Dates for 2023
Review – Nixle

A list of expiring and vacancies for the various city boards and commissions were briefly discussed. Mayor Nelson is currently working on the list and contacting those whose term expires at the end of this year. A list of meeting dates for 2023 was reviewed. Nixle, an emergency notification tool was discussed, as there was a text message to residents, alerting them that Nixle will be no longer used. The administrator will investigate this concern, and get

back to the Council, but will make sure a text message and emergency notification system will be in place.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk