

**City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Monday, February 1, 2021
6:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Dean Janzen, Dana Kass, Darla Kruser, Mike Nelson

Members Absent: Andrew Ysker

City Staff Present: Michael Schulte, City Administrator/Clerk; Maryellen Suhrhoff, City Attorney; Daron Friesen, Street Superintendent; Tim Coners, Fire Chief; Scott Pankratz, Fire Department; Taylor Nesmoe, Fire Department; Andrew Kinnetz, Police Officer

Others Present: Doug Regehr

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda

Motion by Kruser, seconded by Kass, to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried 4 – 0.

Bills: Checks #24594 – 24635, 710E – 711E

Payroll: Checks #65836 – 65850

Approve December 22 Police Commission Minutes

Approve January 7 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve January 19 City Council Minutes

Public

No one spoke during this portion of the meeting.

Street Department Report

Daron Friesen, Street Superintendent, provided a report of completed items in January. Ash trees were removed from Lawcon park and new trees will be planted this spring. Maintenance on equipment is ongoing. Snow removal was discussed.

Fire/Ambulance Hall

A building committee was formed last year to review the possibilities of renovating the current building or building a new building on a different lot. Councilmember Kruser, Taylor Nesmoe

Tim Coners, and Scott Pankratz were present to discuss their findings over the past year. Pankratz went through a PowerPoint presentation. An architect was hired last year to provide basic floor plans of renovating the current hall and building a new hall that utilizes the former Lohrenz shop building purchased by the Utility. The committee visited neighboring fire/ambulance halls. The current hall does not have adequate space around apparatuses, adequate space for turnout lockers, maneuvering apparatuses, space for storage, and proper door heights for the ambulances. Pankratz reviewed the history of reviewing options for the fire/ambulance hall, provided basic floor plans, pictures of possible lots, and estimated costs. The committee is recommending to not renovate the current building and to build a new building. The current building is limited on expansion and meeting the proper safety measures. Pros and cons of various lots were discussed. The council provided direction to keep moving forward on a solution. More research on possible lots, costs, and financing options will be conducted by the committee and the city administrator.

City Attorney

Various public nuisances and updates from the attorney were discussed.

Resolution #2-21 – Appoint Insurance Agent

The city has historically switched insurance agents for property, liability, and casualty every 3 years. United Prairie Insurance has been the agent for the past 3 years. The resolution appoints Hanson Insurance Agency for the next 3 years beginning on April 1, 2021. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Janzen, to approve Resolution #2-21. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Bonded Indebtedness Report

The administrator briefly explained the report. The report is required to submit to the county each January. The report includes all bonds and notes issued with the city and utility.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Approved February 15, 2021

ATTEST:

Michael Schulte, Administrator/Clerk