

**City of Mountain Lake  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave  
Tuesday, February 16, 2021  
6:30 p.m.**

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

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Michael Schulte, City Administrator/Clerk; Maryellen Suhrhoff, City Attorney

Others Present: Doug Regehr, Rachel Yoder

**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda**

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

Motion carried 5 – 0.

Bills: Checks #24636 – 24685, 712E – 715E

Payroll: Checks #65851 – 65880

Approve January 11 EDA Board Minutes

Approve January 11 Lake Commission Minutes

Approve January 12 Library Board Minutes, January Report, & January Expenditures

Approve January 21 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve February 1 City Council Minutes

**Public**

No one spoke during this portion of the meeting.

**Fire/Ambulance Hall**

The administrator had a conference call with John Graupman and Owen Todd of Bolton & Menk regarding potential building sites and possibly using excess dirt and clay from the wastewater ponds projects to fill in or level two potential building sites. Todd recommended two companies to request a quote for soil boring testing to ensure the ground was proper for constructing. Requests were sent asking to have a quote submitted by the end of February. The administrator asked if 2 soil testing samples should be done at all three sites, two sites, or just on one. The

three sites include the lot next to the former Lohrenz building, north of the new substation, or a lot in Jenny's subdivision. Direction was given to see what the cost would be and the difference between doing one to three sets. Graupman stated if clay and dirt were desired to move to a potential lot that Mathiowetz would need to know by April so they can haul the dirt instead of shaping it on-site. Mayor Nelson provided an update from the last EDA Board meeting. The EDA board is open to the idea of utilizing a lot for a fire/ambulance hall but the specific details were not decided upon yet. A sample request for proposals and information on USDA financing were reviewed. Direction was given to work with the building committee on formulating a request for proposals for architecture/engineering designs.

### **City Attorney**

Various public nuisances and updates from the attorney were discussed.

### **Federal Recreational Trail Grant Application**

Members of the Lake Commission have worked on a federal recreational trail program application to apply for funds to construct a new boardwalk on the west side of the lake. Due to flooding and old age, the current bridge has been swept away in the past with flooding waters and has been damaged. The Lake Commission desires to submit the presented application along with additional pictures and letters of support. The grant will provide 75% of the needed funds with a matching portion of 25% needed by the city or with donated funds. The grant application was sent in 2019 but the application was not awarded. The intent is to continue to apply if not awarded this round. The administrator asked if the council wanted to contribute more than the 25% minimum match to help increase the chances of being awarded. Discussion ensued on how much to contribute if the grant is awarded. Motion by Janzen, seconded by Ysker, to contribute \$64,625 as a local match if the grant application is awarded. Motion carried 5 – 0. Funds potentially could be budgeted for 2022, used from the Lake Commission fund, or from the general fund.

### **Resolution #3-21 Supporting Boardwalk Grant Application**

It was discussed to check in-line skating as a secondary use to the application and update the dollar amount from the previous motion. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Kass, to approve Resolution #3-21 with the changes to the application. Motion carried 5 – 0.

### **Resolution #4-21 Supporting LGA**

The Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities is requesting cities to pass a resolution to support LGA in the upcoming state budget to ensure LGA is funded on-time and in-full. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Kass, to approve Resolution #4-21. Motion carried 5 – 0.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

**Approved March 1, 2021**

ATTEST:

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Michael Schulte, Administrator/Clerk