

**City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Tuesday, February 20, 2024
5:45 p.m.**

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

Members Absent: Bryan Bargaen

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator; Maryellen Suhrhoff City Attorney,
Louis Norell Assistant Police Chief

Others Present: Doug Regehr, Dean Sawatzky

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Ysker at 5:45 p.m.

Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda

Motion by Kruser, seconded by Janzen to add Resolution # 3-24 & Resolution # 4-24 to the agenda. Motion carried 4– 0. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Janzen to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 4– 0.

Bills: Checks #28043 – 28074, 1029E – 1035E (#28042 void)

Payroll: Checks #67888 – 67928

Approve January 8 Lake Commission Minutes

Approve January 9 Library Board Minutes, January Report, & January Expenditures

Approve January 16 EDA Board Minutes

Approve January 25 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve February 5 City Council Minutes

Approve Resolution #2-24 Appointing Election Judges

Public

No comment

Rifle Range

Dean Sawatzky from the Mountain Lake Sportsman’s Club requested to install a backstop on the rifle range. The club would need to temporarily remove the fencing around the city’s wastewater ponds to access the location, and would put the fence back once the project was completed. The Council approved the request at their previous meeting on February 5, 2024. After Council approval, some homeowners reached out to the City and said that they were not notified of any changes in the rifle range. The Sportsman’s Club responded that they were only legally required

to notify any property owners within 2600 ft of the range, 2 owners, which those owners provided consent. Once the Sportsman's Club finishes construction of the berm, the City will review it before the club starts to use it. The berm must meet or exceed the design standards listed in the 1999 NRA Range Designs for an outdoor high-power rifle. The berm must be a minimum of 20 ft high. No further action was taken.

City Attorney

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

Motion by Janzen, seconded by Kruser to approve Resolution # 3-24 Public Nuisance. Motion carried 4- 0.

City Administrator

The Mountain Lake Economic Development Authority (EDA) has requested the City to approve an interfund transfer of up to \$600,000 from the City's General Fund to be transferred to the EDA's Operating Fund. The use of the transfer funds will be used for Economic Development in the City of Mountain Lake to be used to build a hotel in Mountain Lake. The transfer of funds will be used for a loan, gap financing, to finalize the hotel project. The interfund loan will be paid back to the City in 10 years.

Motion by Janzen, seconded by Nelson to approve Resolution # 4-24 EDA Transfer. Motion carried 4- 0.

Roundtable

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

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk