

Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall
Monday, February 3, 2025
5:45 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Meeting Called to Order *Additional information on agenda item is attached or at City Hall

2. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda
 - a. Bills: Checks # 29005-29038, 1265E-1283E (1-7)
 - b. Payroll: Checks #68595-68613
 - c. Approve January 9 Utilities Commission Minutes (8-9)
 - d. Approve January 21 City Council Minutes (10-11)
 - e. Approve January Street Department Report (12)

3. Public – A total of ten (10) minutes is allotted for individuals to briefly discuss a topic of concern or provide comments to the Council.

4. City Administrator
 - a. Discussion/Action – Pickleball Court
 - b. Discussion/Action – City Hall Roof Replacement (13-14)
 - c. Discussion/Action – AI Center

5. Roundtable
 - a. Discussion – Commissions/Boards Update

6. Adjourn

**Mountain Lake Utilities Commission Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall
Thursday, January 9, 2025
7 AM**

Members Present: Todd Johnson; Mark Langland; Sue Garloff; City Council Liaison Dean Janzen; David Savage

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Michael Mueller, City Administrator; Jill Falk; Utility Office Manager; Dave Watkins, Electric Superintendent; Steve Peters; Lineman; Taylor Nesmoe; Water/Wastewater Superintendent; Scott Pankratz; Water/Wastewater

Others Present: Ezra Savage; 9th Grade Civics Student

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7 AM.

Approval of Minutes and Bills

Motion by Janzen, seconded by Johnson to approve the December 12th Minutes and Check Numbers 23894-23952 (608E-612E). Motion carried.

Electric Department

Watkins advised that most of the Christmas decorations were removed and stored. They also have connected services for Andy Goertzen to separate Goertzen Tireworks from Co-op. The main item to be discussed is the #2 Generator. Farabee was out to repair the liner. The generator ran for approximately 20 minutes before it shut down. Farabee stated that a seal may have failed on a different liner, and it will be a continuing problem with each repair. Watkins is creating a timeline, and CMPAS will draft a letter to send to MISO, showing the repairs made and plans for the new power plant. At this point, it would be more cost-efficient to pay the fine instead of paying \$50K each for the continuous liner repair.

Water/Wastewater Department

Nesmoe said that the heater for the Water Treatment plant was delivered by Hall's Handy. It should be installed within the next week. He also mentioned that four of the six aerators in the West Pond are not working, and presumably frozen. The other two aerators are still operational in the pond. Langland wanted an update on the RO. Nesmoe informed him that two membranes will be pulled and sent to California for testing. The cost for testing and the replacement membrane will come in around \$3,000. This is needed, as the membranes should last at least five years and are currently replaced about every two years.

City Administrator

Mueller mentioned that Revolve Labs will place a notice in the paper explaining what an A.I. Center does. There will also be two public meetings scheduled in February to discuss more details about AI and answer any questions. ITC will be scheduling the switch installation in May. This will cause the service to be down for approximately 16 hours. ITC will cover the cost of diesel for the generators to run during that time.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 a.m.

ATTEST:

Jill Falk, Utilities Office Manager

**City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Tuesday, January 21, 2025
5:45 p.m.**

Members Present: Andrew Ysker, Darla Kruser, Bryan Bargaen, Mike Nelson

Members Absent: Jeff Jack

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator; Louis Norell Police Chief; Ben McHenry Police Officer; Jordan Ellis Police Officer

Others Present: Deanna Anderson, Doug Regehr, Doug Bristol

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 5:45 p.m.

Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda

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

Motion carried 4 – 0.

- Bills: Checks #28973-29004, 1255E – 1264E
- Payroll: Checks #68554 - 68595
- Approve October 15 Tree Commission Minutes
- Approve December 9 EDA Board Minutes
- Approve December 10 Library Board Minutes, Report, & Expenditures
- Approve December 12 Utilities Commission Minutes
- Approve January 6 City Council Minutes
- Approve Daron Friesen, Tree Commission, effective 01/13/2025
- Review Bonded Indebtedness

Public

No comment

City Administrator

2024 YTD revenues and expenses were reviewed.

As Minnesota has legalized cannabis, local cities need to either create their own ordinances or adopt county ordinances and regulations such as Cottonwood County’s. If the City were to establish its own ordinance, they’d need to address key issues like where cannabis businesses can operate by managing zoning or public safety concerns, business caps, buffers, hours of operation,

and registration. If the City chooses to follow Cottonwood County’s ordinance, it could make the process simpler and more efficient since cannabis regulations are consistent across the County, which could be beneficial for businesses operating in multiple cities within the County. The goal is to maintain uniformity as well as addressing local concerns and ensure local needs are being met.

Motion by Ysker, seconded by Bargaen, to adopt Cottonwood County Ordinance #43, any amendments must be brought back to Council for approval and approve the joint powers agreement. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Roundtable

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

Police – Swearing In Ceremony

Former Police Chief Doug Bristol officially swore in Louis Norell as the new Chief of Police. Following Chief Norell’s appointment, he administered the oath of office to two of the City’s newer officers, Ben McHenry and Jordan Ellis. The ceremony marks a transition in leadership within the police department, and the City looks forward to the contributions of Chief Norell and the newer officers.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk

January- Street Dept -Report

Dig and close 4 Graves

Clean up brush removed trees Lake Dam area

Trim trees Cemetery

Maintain Burn site

Clean shop drains Street Shop

Paint block walls St Shop Bathroom Office Break rooms

LVT east wall bathroom

Wash trucks

Prepare Tree Commission list City and Private

Pick up branches all City grounds

Broom Skating Rink Four times

Update lights to LED Street Shop Office Bathroom

Cold Patch South Klien St and 15th street North

ESTIMATE



Project Name: Mountain Lake City Hall
930 3rd Ave Mountain Lake Minnesota

Estimate Prepared By: Kirt Kelsey
Phone # - 712-320-0795
Email - kirtkelsey@yahoo.com

Date: 4/19/2024

1801 Erie Ave Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360 MN # RR723557

Qty	Unit	Description	Total
92.5	Sq.	Decra Cottage Shingle	\$38,045.23
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286.0	Ft.	Decra Shingle XD Hip & Ridge	\$3,432.00
359.0	Ft.	Decra Eave Edge	\$2,872.00
286.0	Ft.	Decra Ridge Vent	\$1,879.02
73.0	Ft.	Valley (valley and cap)	\$1,825.00
3.0	Count	Decra Panal Vent	\$1,539.87
78.4	Sq.	# 15 Synthetic Underlayment	\$1,292.94
84.1	Sq.	Landfill	\$1,260.75
94.0	Ft.	XD Rake and Gable Channel	\$1,222.00
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116.0	Ft.	2x2x8 for hips and ridges	\$348.00
3.0	Count	Rubber Plumbing Boot 1-3"	\$90.27
3.0	Count	Valley pan (1 per penetration)	\$72.15
1.0	Count	Touch up Kit	\$65.62
91.7	Sq.	1" Plastic Cap Nails	\$0.00

This estimate includes the removal and disposal of the shingles

This estimate does not include tax.

Total: \$89,725.00

ESTIMATE



Five Star Roofing
 1801 Erie Ave.
 Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Project Name: Mountain Lake City Hall
 930 3rd Ave Mountain Lake Minnesota

Estimate Prepared By: Kirt Kelsey
 Phone # - 712-320-0795
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This estimate we will leave the old shingles on and install over top of existing shingle with warranty.

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Total: \$84,261.00