

**Regular Council Meeting  
Mountain Lake City Hall  
Monday, February 4, 2019  
6:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Dana Kass, Darla Kruser, Mike Nelson, David Savage, Andrew Ysker

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Michael Schulte, City Administrator/Clerk; Maryellen Suhrhoff, City Attorney; Rick Oeltjenbruns, Street Superintendent

Others Present: Curt Janzen, Doug Regehr

**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda**

Motion by Kass, seconded by Kruser, to add 2.G - Appointment of Janell Bargan to the Lake Commission to the consent agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Savage, seconded by Ysker, to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Bills: Checks #22097 – 22131

Payroll: Checks #64401 – 64417

Approval of December 17 EDA Minutes

Approval of January 10 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approval of January 22 City Council Minutes

Approval of Resolution #3-19 Accepting Donations to the City

Appointment of Janell Bargan to the Lake Commission

**Public**

No one spoke during this portion of the meeting.

**Public Hearing - Placing Additional Parcel of Land in the Rural Service District – PIN 22.032.0600**

Motion by Kass, seconded by Ysker, to close the public meeting and open the public hearing at 6:31p.m. Motion carried.

City Administrator Schulte reviewed and explained the letter request to place PIN 22.032.0600 into the rural service district. Curt Janzen explained the request and discussed concerns regarding city taxes.

Motion by Kass, seconded by Ysker, to close the public hearing and open the public meeting at 6:41p.m. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #2-19 Placing Additional Parcel of Land in the Rural Service District**

Motion by Savage, seconded by Kruser, to approve Ordinance #2-19. Motion carried.

**Street Department Report**

Rick Oeltjenbruns, Street Superintendent, gave a report of activities completed by the street department in January. Snow removal has been an ongoing activity due to a number of snowfalls in January. Due to extremely low temperatures last week, Oeltjenbruns explained that removal of snow piles on Wednesday and Thursday were postponed to Friday because equipment can easily break and does not operate smoothly in such frigid temperatures. The department worked late on Friday to remove snow piles before the weekend. Cars left on the street during snow removal were discussed. Oeltjenbruns stated that only a few cars have been left out and has decreased over the years due to weather forecasts, social media posts, website updates, radio announcements, and better access to communication sources. Other discussions included job descriptions, job requirements, department responsibilities, department changes, wages, employee longevity, and the current vacant water/wastewater position and how to fill it.

**Community Center Donations & Flooring**

An update on funds raised for the community center was presented by the city administrator. As of February 4, a grand total of \$26,761.55 has been raised. Total expenses are \$7,141.36 for the labor of painting and window tint combined. \$19,620.19 remain after expenses. No more funds are needed to cover the costs of the flooring and flooring installation. The Odell board met last Friday and approved a grant for \$5,000 towards the community center renovation. The pool room wall has been moved but still needs to be painted and the painted wood paneling needs to be placed back on the wall. The flooring materials have been purchased as approved by the council last December and are being held at Bargan's. Motion by Kass, seconded by Kruser, to approve the flooring installation cost of approximately \$8,350 - \$8,575. The community center has been blocked off for installation from March 21 – April 5 to allow carpet removal and the installer to work. Posters will be placed at the community center and groups will be notified about the closure. A week is estimated to install the new flooring in which the community center may be able to reopen earlier than April 5.

**City Attorney**

A letter has been sent regarding the data request harassment mentioned at the previous meeting. Other work for the EDA has been ongoing. Questions from the council regarding the greenhouses on the east side of town were asked. The city attorney, the city administrator, and

the city's building inspector will work together on the next steps of addressing the infrastructure and upkeep of the property.

**Bonded Indebtedness as of 12/31/18**

A report of the city's bonded indebtedness was reviewed. This report was completed and sent to the county auditor before the due date of January 31.

**City Administrator**

City Administrator Schulte gave updates of the legislative conference held in St. Paul last week and discussed the various bills regarding PFA funding for water and wastewater projects across the state. The city administrator worked with the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities to testify to the Capital Investment committee to discuss the importance of the city's project and the funds expected to be received.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Michael Schulte, Administrator/Clerk