

**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Mountain Lake City Hall**  
**Monday, February 6, 2023**  
**6:30 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 # 26872-26929, 866E-870E (1-9)
  - b. Payroll: Checks #67181-67197
  - c. Approve January 12 Utilities Commission Minutes (10-11)
  - d. Approve January 17 City Council Minutes (12-14)
  - e. Approve January Street Department Report (15)
  - f. Approve Hiring Jessica Blount & Samantha Spiker, EMT, effective 02/01/2023
  - g. Approve Resolution #5-23 Approve Project No.017-627-004 (16-19)
  - h. Accept/Update Emergency Management Operation Plan\*
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 Attorney
5. City Administrator
  - a. Discussion/Action – Ambulance \$5.00 Per Capita for 2023 (20)
6. Roundtable
  - a. Discussion – Commissions/Boards Update
7. Adjourn

**Mountain Lake Utilities Commission Meeting**  
**Mountain Lake City Hall**  
**Thursday, January 12, 2023**  
**7 AM**

Members Present: Mark Langland, Sue Garloff, Brian Janzen, Todd Johnson, City Council Liaison Dean Janzen

Members Absent: David Savage

Staff Present: Michael Mueller; Clerk/Administrator; Jill Falk; Utilities Office Manager; Dave Watkins; Electric Superintendent; Lane Anderson; Lineman; Steve Peters; Lineman; Taylor Nesmoe; Water/Wastewater Superintendent; Scott Pankratz; Water/Wastewater Worker

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7 AM.

**Approval of Minutes and Bills**

Motion by Johnson seconded by Savage to approve the December 22<sup>nd</sup> Minutes, and Check Numbers 22243-22282 (438E-441E). Motion carried.

**Electric Department**

Watkins stated that he is continuing to work with Margit to apply for grants for future underground projects. He has also been working with Mike Thielen and Barr Engineering on the Generator Project and is finally able to present the options for the repairs. The roof on the power plant is about 20-25 years old and needs to be replaced, the switchgear is also over 50 years old, the MPCA has begun to scrutinize older units and not renewing permits after major repairs or rebuilds on older units, and new environmental standards are a few issues we are facing when considering the best option. Currently, unit #4 is not working, and also looking at a complete overhaul of unit #2. The first option being considered would be to rebuild the Fairbanks engines for \$5.8 million, however, this option may be an issue if the MPCA does not renew the permit. Another option would be to replace the generators in the current location. This would remove three of the older engines and replace them with two new engines. This will allow for 8 MWh of generation with an approximate cost of \$8 million. The next option would be to add one or two generators to the new substation. The generators will be in a shipping container enclosure and will provide 2.5 MWh of generation for each. The cost for this option is around \$10.4 million for two generators. The last option, for \$11 million, would be to build a brand-new power plant at a new location. This would have four new engines, capable of 10 MWh generation, but only

running at 80% capacity. As no decision has been made yet, a recommendation was made to present to the council with a representative from CMPAS and Barr present for the meeting.

### **Water/Wastewater Department**

Nesmoe had a few items that he wanted to discuss. He stated that the replacement of the sand filters is underway and had a meeting with Bolton & Menk and Hyrdo-Klean. These have been ordered and should be installed in the spring. He also had a meeting with Metron this week as well, for a tutorial on the 20 new water meters. Right now, only one is in place, but they are expected to work well once they are all up and running. Both Nesmoe and Pankratz have been working hard to clean up the Chemical Room. The epoxy has been laid and they are happy with the outcome and considering doing the same to the Filter room. It was also mentioned that Their Well has been out to inspect well #1. It is recommended to have maintenance completed every five years. Nesmoe is waiting for a quote for the cost of the maintenance but is considering budgeting for one well each year. One final item discussed was the citation from DNR. Nesmoe mentioned that the fine has been paid but is continuing to work with the MPCA and DNR to see what can be done about it. He wanted to know if it would be approved to submit an expense report for reimbursement for this fine as he did not even realize he was doing anything wrong. The commission agreed and approved having the \$182.34 fine reimbursed.

### **City Administrator**

Mueller wanted to mention that he will not be present at the next meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>. He will be at the Minnesota Capital for a meeting with the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Jill Falk, Utilities Office Manager

**City of Mountain Lake  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave  
Tuesday, January 17, 2023  
6:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Dean Janzen, Darla Kruser, Andrew Ysker, Bryan Barga, Mike Nelson

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator; Maryellen Suhrhoff City Attorney;  
David Watkins Electric Superintendent

Others Present: Doug Regehr

**Call to Order**

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

**Oath Of Office**

Mayor Mike Nelson took his oath of office.

**Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda**

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

Motion carried 5 – 0.

Bills: Checks #26836 – 26871, 858E – 865E

Payroll: Checks #67148 – 67180

Approve October 11 Tree Commission Minutes

Approve December 12 Lake Commission Minutes

Approve December 12 EDA Board Minutes

Approve December 13 Library Board Minutes, December Report, & December Expenditures

Approve December 22 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve January 3 City Council Minutes

Approve 2023-2025 LELS Agreement

Approve Resolution #4-23 Fire & Ambulance Hall

Review Bonded Indebtedness

Review Liability Coverage- Waiver

Hire Nathan Fast, Ice Rink & Warming House Attendant, effective 1/17/23

Hire Sara Nickel, Library Assistant, effective 1/23/23

**Public**

No comments

## **2023 Organizational Items**

Mayor Nelson provided an update at the council meeting of new appointments and commissions.

Motion by Janzen, second by Borgen to approve the 2023 Designations and Appointments.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

## **Electric Department**

David Watkins, Electric Superintendent presented the generator project to City Council. The roof on the power plant is roughly 20-25 years old and needs to be replaced and the switchgear is 50 years old, at its end of life expectancy. Overall, there are numerous repairs that need to be made. Further, the MPCA has created environmental justice areas in MN, which Mountain Lake has been zoned as an environmental justice area. There has been recent scrutiny in older diesel units due to their efficiency and not renewing permits after major repairs or rebuilds on those older units. Possible options were presented, replacing the old Fairbank generators, and making the necessary repairs and upgrades, approximate costs are \$6 to \$11 million, depending on the option. No decision was made, further discussion will pursue at the Utilities Commission.

## **City Attorney**

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

## **City Administrator**

Review – 2022 YTD Revenues & Expenses

Discussion – LMC Training

Discussion – Upcoming Events

2022 YTD revenues and expenses were reviewed. The numbers for 2022 are not final until the 2022 audit is completed, which is typically completed around May or June each year.

Conferences, meetings, and workshops put on by the League of Minnesota Cities, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, and Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association were presented by the administrator. Any council member is invited to attend and should contact the city administrator to be registered. The administrator plans to attend the legislative conferences and summer conferences as time allows.

## **Roundtable**

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

## **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:



Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk

# STREET Dept JANUARY Report

- 2 Major Snow Storms, Plow Snow, Haul Snow  
Clean Sidewalks, Widen by School Roads  
Clean Intersections, Push Snow Back, Outskirts
- Oil Changes, 6726P, 524KII, 320D
- New Cutting Edges Both Snow Buckets
- Plow Truck #11 to Crysteel, Repair Winch
- Repair Plow Mount #14, Brian Janzen
- Inventory street shop @ Trucks
- Install Heater, Cityhall Entry.
- Clean, Grease Equipment, Wash

**RESOLUTION #5-23  
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROJECT NO.017-627-004  
CITY OF MOUNTAIN LAKE, MN**

WHEREAS, plans for Project No.017-627-004 showing proposed alignment, profiles grades and cross-sections for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of County State-Aid Highway No.27 within the limits of the City as a (Federal) (State) Aid Project have been prepared and presented to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That said plans be in all things approved.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

CERTIFICATION

State of Minnesota

County of Cottonwood

City of Mountain Lake

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution presented to and adopted by the City Council of Mountain Lake at a meeting therefor held in the City of Mountain Lake, Minnesota, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, as disclosed by the records of said City in my possession.

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City Administrator

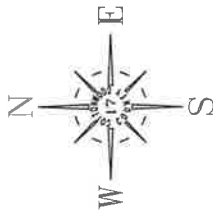
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# MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COTTONWOOD COUNTY

CONSTRUCTION PLAN FOR: BITUMINOUS MILLING AND SURFACE  
LOCATED ON: CSAH 27 FROM JCT TH 60 TO JCT GOLF COURSE RD  
FROM: 887' SOUTH OF NE 1/4 CORNER SEC. 5, T105N, R34W TO 543'  
NORTH OF SE CORNER SEC. 32, T106N, R34W

STATE AID PROJ 017-627-004  
GROSS LENGTH ..... 1430.00 FEET 0.271 MILES  
BRIDGES LENGTH ..... 0.00 FEET 0.000 MILES  
EXCEPTIONS LENGTH ..... 0.00 FEET 0.000 MILES  
NET LENGTH ..... 1430.00 FEET 0.271 MILES



## PLANS SYMBOLS

- STATE LINE
- COUNTY LINE
- TOWNSHIP OR RANGE LINE
- QUARTER LINE
- SECTION LINE
- SALE EASEMENT
- PROPERTY LINE (Excess Line Lines)
- CONCRETE CURB
- TRUNK HIGHWAY CENTER LINE
- RAILROAD
- RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE
- RAILROAD CROSSING BELL
- RAILROAD CROSSING SIGN
- RAILROAD CROSSING SIGN
- CROSSING GATE
- MEANDER CORNER
- SPRINGS
- MARSH
- TIMBER
- CROPLAND
- WATERWAY
- CATCH BASIN
- PILE HYDRANT
- CATTLE GUARD
- OVERPASS (Highway Over)
- OVERPASS (Highway Under)
- BRIDGE
- Building (One Story Frame)
- F - FRAME
- S - STONE
- T - TILE
- ST - STUCCO
- W - WOODEN
- CONC - CONCRETE, OR METAL
- GRAVEL PIT
- SAND PIT
- BORROW PIT
- ROCK QUARRY

## UTILITIES SYMBOLS

- POWER POLE LINE
- TELEPHONE POLE LINE
- JOINT TELEPHONE AND POWER
- ON POWER POLES
- TELEPHONE POLES
- ANCHOR
- STREET LIGHT
- GAS MAIN
- WATER MAIN
- TELEPHONE CABLE IN CONDUIT
- ELECTRIC CABLE IN CONDUIT
- ELECTRIC MANHOLE
- BURIED TELEPHONE CABLE
- TELEPHONE CABLE
- AERIAL TELEPHONE CABLE
- SEWER (SANITARY OR STORM)

## SCALE



END SAP 017-627-004  
STA. 14+30

BEGIN SAP 017-627-004  
STA. 0+00

## GOVERNING SPECIFICATIONS

THE 2020 EDITION OF THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION "STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION" ALONG WITH THE CORRESPONDING "SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS" DATED SEPTEMBER 2022 SHALL GOVERN.

ALL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES SHALL CONFORM TO THE MIN MUTCD, INCLUDING "MINNESOTA TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL FIELD MANUAL."

SHEET NO. 1  
SHEET NO. 2  
SHEET NO. 3

TITLE SHEET  
EST. QUANTITIES / DETAILS  
TYPICALS

THIS PLAN CONTAINS 3 SHEETS

## DESIGN DESIGNATION

ADT (2023)	1964
PROJ. ADT (2043)	2161
PROJ. HCA DT (2043)	
FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION	MINOR COLLECTOR
SHOULDER WIDTH	8'
TON DESIGN	10
R VALUE	243.678
DESIGN SPEED	30

## DESIGN SPEED NOT ACHIEVED AT:

STA. TO STA. MPH  
STA. TO STA. MPH  
STA. TO STA. MPH  
BASED ON STOPPING SIGHT DISTANCE  
HEIGHT OF EYE 3.5, HEIGHT OF OBJECT 2.0'

Design Engineer: I hereby certify that this plan was prepared by me or under my direct supervision, and that I am a duly REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER under the laws of the State of Minnesota

COTTONWOOD COUNTY ENGINEER: NICHOLAS KLISCH  
REGISTRATION NUMBER 52186

DISTRICT STATE ENGINEER: REVIEWED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AID RULES/POLICY

STATE AID ENGINEER: APPROVED FOR STATE AID FUNDING

State-Aid Proj. No. 017-627-004  
Sheet No. 1 of 3 Sheets

**ESTIMATED QUANTITIES S.A.P. 017-627-004 (CSAH MUNICIPAL)**

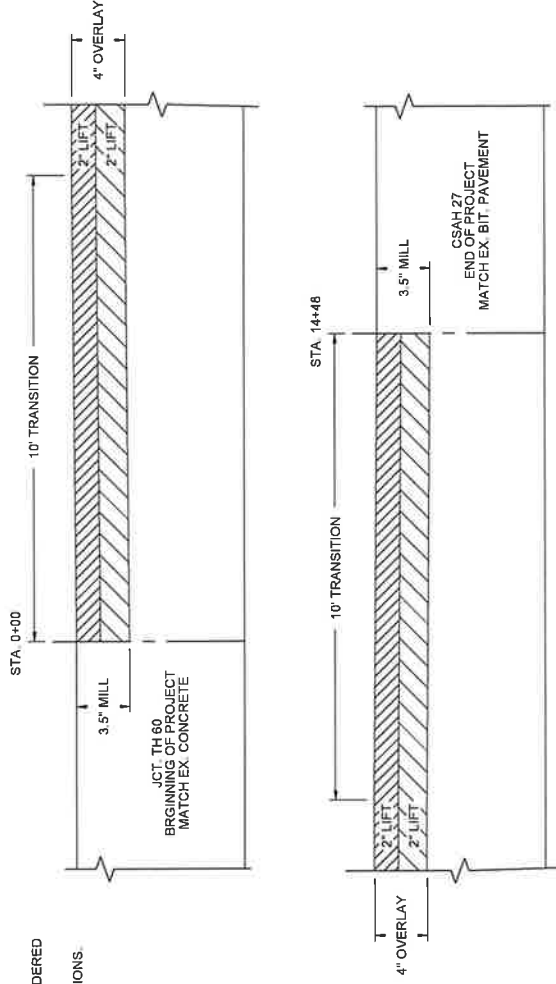
NOTES	SPEC. NO.	ITEM	UNIT OF MEASURE	TOTAL ESTIMATED QUANTITY	ALT "A" TOTAL	ALT "B" TOTAL
	2021.501	MOBILIZATION	LUMP SUM	1	1	1
(1)	2104.504	REMOVE CONCRETE PAVEMENT	SQ YD	80	80	80
(2)	2221.509	SHOULDER BASE AGGREGATE, CLASS 1	TON	50	50	50
(3)	2232.504	MILLED BITUMINOUS SURFACE (8.5')	SQ YD	4821	4821	4821
(4) (5)	2360.509	TYPE SP 12.5 WEARING COURSE MIX (2.B)	TON	813		813
(4) (5)	2360.509	TYPE SP 12.5 WEARING COURSE MIX (2.C)	TON	813	813	
(4) (5)	2360.509	TYPE SP 12.5 NON-WEARING COURSE MIX (2.B)	TON	813		813
(4) (5)	2360.509	TYPE SP 12.5 NON-WEARING COURSE MIX (2.C)	TON	813	813	
	2553.601	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LUMP SUM	1	1	1

BASIS FOR ESTIMATED QUANTITIES	
TYPE SP WEAR/NON-WEAR COURSE MIXTURE	110 LB PER S.Y./INCH
BITUMINOUS MATERIAL FOR TACK COAT	0.05 GAL/SY
SHOULDER BASE AGGREGATE, CLASS 1	140 LB/CU. FT.

**NOTES:**

- SAW CUTTING AND DISPOSAL OF ITEM 2104.504 SHALL BE CONSIDERED INCIDENTAL AND NO DIRECT COMPENSATION SHALL BE MADE.
- SHOULDERING MATERIAL INCLUDES QUANTITY FOR FIELD ENTRANCES (1) AND INTERSECTIONS (1)
- APPROX. 5 TON PER INSTANCE. SPREAD AND COMPACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPEC 2221.
- INCLUDES GRAVEL SHOULDERS AND INTERSECTIONS. MILLINGS TO BE HAULED TO ONE OF THE TIED PROJECTS OR USED AS RAP.
- HAULING WILL BE CONSIDERED INCIDENTAL TO ITEM 2232.504. GRAVEL SHOULDERS TO BE HAULED TO TIED PROJECT.
- INCLUDES BITUMINOUS QUANTITY FOR INTERSECTIONS. NO. OF PAVED INTERSECTIONS (CITY ST., CO. RD.) = 3
- PAVE TO THE RIGHT OF WAY LINE ON CITY ST. AND CO. RD. PREPARATION OF INTERSECTIONS AND ENTRANCES IS CONSIDERED INCIDENTAL TO ITEM 2360.509. INCLUDING SAW CUTTING IF NEEDED.
- BITUMINOUS TACK COAT IS INCIDENTAL AND WILL BE PLACED BETWEEN LIFTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MNDOT SPECIFICATIONS.
- FOG SEALING ALL LONGITUDINAL JOINTS WILL BE CONSIDERED INCIDENTAL TO ITEM 2360.509
- STRIPING DONE BY OTHERS.

**DETAILS**



**STANDARD PLATES**

THE FOLLOWING STANDARD PLATES APPROVED BY THE FHWA SHALL APPLY ON THIS PROJECT	
8000K	TEMPORARY CHANNELIZERS
9000E	APPROACHES & ENTRANCES - RECOMMENDED STANDARDS

THE SUBSURFACE UTILITY INFORMATION IN THIS PLAN IS UTILITY QUALITY LEVEL D. THIS UTILITY QUALITY LEVEL WAS DETERMINED ACCORDING TO THE GUIDELINES OF CHASCE 38-02, ENTITLED "STANDARD GUIDELINES FOR THE COLLECTION AND DEPICTION OF EXISTING SUBSURFACE UTILITY DATA."



*Nicholas Klisch*  
 REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER NO. 52186

01/18/2023 DATE

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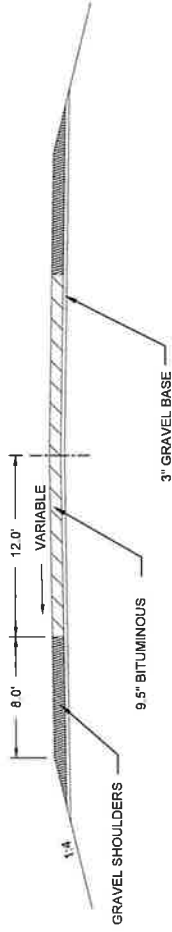
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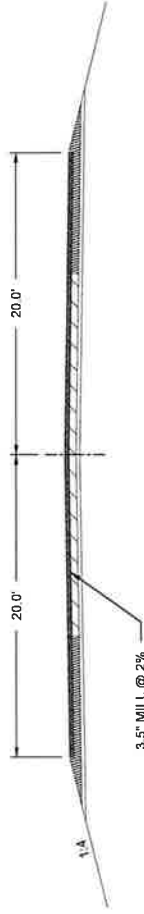
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TYPICAL SECTION (PAVING)  
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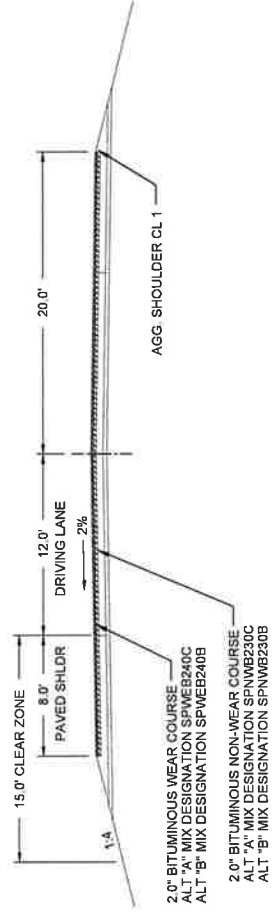
INPLACE SECTION



MILL BITUMINOUS AND GRAVEL SHOULDERS



TYPICAL PAVING



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017/18/2023

TYPICAL SECTIONS

State-Aid Proj. No. 017-627-004

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	2022- Actual	2022- Actual	2023- Proposed	2023-Proposed
Ambulance				
	<b>\$4 per capita charge</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>\$5 per capita charge</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Mountain Lake Township</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>\$1,768.00</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>\$2,210.00</b>
<b>Delton Township</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>\$212.00</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>\$265.00</b>
<b>Carson Township</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>\$580.00</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>\$725.00</b>
<b>Midway Township</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>\$832.00</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>\$1,040.00</b>
<b>Selma Township</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>
<b>Lakeside Township</b>	<b><u>139</u></b>	<b>\$556.00</b>	<b><u>139</u></b>	<b>\$695.00</b>
	<b>1137</b>	<b>\$4,548.00</b>	<b>1137</b>	<b>\$5,685.00</b>