

**City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Monday, March 3, 2025
5:45 p.m.**

Members Present: Andrew Ysker, Darla Kruser, Jeff Jack

Members Absent: Bryan Bargen, Mike Nelson

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

Others Present: Doug Regehr, Deanna Anderson, Janette Simon, Sue Leach, John Hall

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda

Motion by Kruser, seconded by Jack to add police department (d) animal concern to the agenda.

Motion carried 3 – 0. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Jack to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 3 – 0.

Bills: Checks #29071-29095, 1295E-1314E

Payroll: Checks #68656 – 68674

Approve January 21 EDA Minutes

Approve February 13 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve February 18 City Council Minutes

Approve February Street Department Report

Accept Sally Ewert Resignation, Library, effective 3/13/2025

Public

Janette Simon, Community Health Planner, spoke to Council regarding the Community Health Improvement Plan, the health priorities for Cottonwood and Jackson Counties.

Street Department

Daron Friesen, Street Superintendent, requested a revision to the previous Council motion from 11/18/2024, which approved the purchase of a 2025 Chevy Silverado 3500 for \$53,298 from Mountain Lake Automotive. Due to uncertainty regarding the manufacturing and delivery timeline for the Chevy Silverado, and the desire to avoid further delays, Daron proposed purchasing a 2025 Ford 350 for \$57,851 instead. A motion was made by Kruser, seconded by

Jack, to rescind the previous motion approving the Chevy Silverado purchase and to approve the purchase of the 2025 Ford 350 for \$57,851. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Police Department

Louis Norell Police Chief provided the City Council with an update on the On-Call Response Time Policy and the Heat Team, and also presented the 2024 MLPD Annual Report.

Sue Leach spoke to the City Council regarding a concern about a dog outside not having a dog house.

City Administrator

John Hall of Handy Heating and Cooling presented an estimate to the City Council for replacing the AC units at City Hall with cold climate heat pumps. However, due to the condition, age, and compatibility of the existing furnaces, he recommended replacing the entire HVAC system. The city administrator will obtain additional bids and present them at the next City Council meeting.

Pickleball court discussion was tabled. Due to an upcoming price increase for the Spray Way misters, a request was made for the City Council to approve the purchase before the cost went up. A motion was made by Kruser, seconded by Jack, to purchase the Spray Way misters for \$28,220. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Roundtable

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

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk