

**Regular Council Meeting  
Mountain Lake City Hall  
Monday, April 15, 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; Will Pohlmann, Police Officer; Doug Bristol, Police Chief; Maryellen Suhrhoff, City Attorney (over conference call during land negotiation portion); Rob Anderson, EDA Director

Others Present: Emily Bentson, Taylor Hudson, Krissy Hudson, Gloria McKissick, Doug Regehr, Rachel Yoder, Stan Friesen, Gladys Friesen

**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 EDA Lawn Mowing to the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Savage, seconded by Ysker, to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended.

Motion carried.

Bills: Checks #022316 – 022349, 598E – 601E

Payroll: Checks #64526 – 64561

Approval of January 14 Lake Commission Minutes

Approval of January 14 Tree Commission Minutes

Approval of February Library Expenditures, Minutes, and Report

Approval of March 14 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approval of April 1 City Council Minutes

Adopt Resolution #7-19 Classifying Commercial Park Lots as Tax Exempt

Adopt Resolution #9-19 Pow Wow Raffle

Adopt Resolution #11-19 Declaring Friday, May 3 as Arbor Day in Mountain Lake

**Public**

Rachel Yoder stated concerns about the pergola project, the golf course trail discussion, and the wastewater pond project.

### **EDA Downtown Project**

Resolution #10-19 Calling for a Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Abatements for the Downtown Housing Project was presented. The resolution calls for a public hearing at a special city council meeting time at 6:30PM on Tuesday, May 14. The EDA Board approved to proceed with the downtown project at their March 18 meeting. Rob Anderson, EDA Director, and Michael Schulte, City Administrator, explained the project, financing, and the housing units. Questions were asked about the rent amount, housing needs, financing, square footage, and the current waiting list for the other EDA apartments. Since the lot is zoned as commercial downtown, a conditional use permit will need to be submitted by the EDA and presented to the Planning and Zoning Committee for their review and recommendation to the Council. Various members of the public stated their concerns about the project. Mayor Nelson and Councilmember Savage provided their perspectives on the project. Councilmember Kruser and Councilmember Kass stated their concerns about the rent amount and financing of the project. Discussion ensued about potential interested renters. Motion by Savage, seconded by Ysker, to approve Resolution #10-19 and for the EDA Department to call the current waiting list to create a new waiting list that would be interested in renting the new units. Voting aye: Nelson, Savage, Kruser, and Ysker. Voting nay: Kass. A public hearing will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the project before any more action is taken. The council meeting scheduled for May 20 will be moved to Tuesday, May 21 to accommodate the financial scheduling if the project continues to progress from the May 14 meeting.

### **Community Center Renovation**

The community flooring installation was completed at the beginning of April. Bills of the materials and the installation costs were presented. Material costs came in a little higher than the original quote. Due to a change in placing epoxy flooring in the food shelf hallway instead of the flooring, there is extra flooring for the bathrooms. The flooring installers gave bids for the labor to redo the kitchen floor and a bid to install flooring in the bathrooms if desired by the community. An updated list of funds will be presented in the future when funds from the Mountain Lake Area Foundation dinner are tabulated.

### **Lake Commission & EDA**

Discussion ensued about the Lake Commission trail maintenance position and weed harvester position. The Lake Commission voted to recommend to hire Jay Schied for the trail maintenance position at their April 9 meeting. Direction was given to the city administrator to contact Schied about the position and wage of the \$15/hour and to advertise for the weed harvester position to hire no more than 3 harvesters. EDA mowing was then discussed. A directive was given from the council to have the street department continue to mow the boulevards of the EDA properties.

### **Tree Commission**

Three bids were submitted to remove the trees on the removal list the tree commission put together. Zinniel Tree Service submitted the lowest bid of \$9,200 and performed the work last year. Motion by Ysker, seconded by Savage, to award Zinniel Tree Service the tree removal project. Motion carried.

### **City Attorney**

City Attorney Suhrhoff was not able to attend the meeting.

### **Small Cell Aesthetics**

FCC and state regulations regarding small cells were discussed. Aesthetic standards for small cells need to be approved by April 15 according to a recent FCC ruling. The standards give the city jurisdiction on the design, color, and various components of the small cell. Motion by Savage, seconded by Kruser, to approve the small cell aesthetic standards. Motion carried.

### **City Bike Program**

Currently the city spends near \$1,000 to fix broken bikes to place them at city park, the Heritage Village, and the campground for anyone to use. The bike program has been abused in recent years with bikes being left in parks, the lake, private properties, or being taken completely out of sight. Direction was given to cease the current program and to have the bikes in storage placed near the street for the city-wide pickup on May 4.

### **Land Negotiations**

Motion by Kass, seconded by Ysker, to close the public meeting and open a closed meeting at 8:01 p.m. as allowed in MN Statutes 13D.05 Subd. 3. Motion carried. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Kass, to close the closed meeting and open the public meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion by Kass, seconded by Ysker, to approve the option-to-buy agreements with amendments. Motion carried.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

**Approved May 6, 2019**

ATTEST:

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Michael Schulte, Administrator/Clerk