

**City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Monday, April 3, 2023
6:30 p.m.**

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

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator; Maryellen Suhrhoff City Attorney;
Daron Friesen Street Superintendent

Others Present: Tom Appel, Joel Alvstad, Bramer Powers, Jay Schied, Doug Regehr

Call to Order

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

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 #27050 – 27093, 882E-884E

Payroll: Checks #67274 – 67289

Approve March 10 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve March 20 City Council Minutes

Hire Vince Voelker & Nathan Fast, Weed Harvester Operator(s)

Accept Cindy Hiebert Resignation, Custodian, effective March 26, 2023

LMCIT Workers' Compensation Premium, Regular Premium Option

Redevelopment Project & TIF 2-1 Public Hearing

The City Council held a public hearing to discuss the proposed adoption of a new tax increment financing district within the city. The new TIF District 2-1, would be located north of Casey's and would be the site of a new car wash/laundromat/pet wash. Economic Development Director Rod Hamilton said that he had three separate entities express interest in constructing similar projects on the same site, with BMP Investments, LLC bidding first. Owner Bramer Powers stated that the new facility would start with one automatic car wash, two self-wash bays, a laundromat and a pet wash, with the potential to add another automatic car wash bay.

Motion by Ysker, seconded by Kruser to approve Resolution# 9-23 TIF 2-1 and the development agreement by and between the Mountain Lake EDA and BMP Investments, LLC. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Public

No comments

Street Department

Street Superintendent Daron Friesen provided three bids to replace a 2012 John Deere skid loader and two bids to mill and overlay 10th street, between 3rd and 2nd avenue. Motion by Janzen, seconded by Borgen to approve the purchase of a case skid loader by Miller Sellner. Motion carried 5 – 0. Motion by Borgen, seconded by Kruser to approve Nielsen Blacktopping mill and overlay 10th street, total cost of \$27,810. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Electric Department

The Utilities Commission recommended to City Council to approve the construction of a new power plant. The cost to build a new facility verses the cost of fixing the current facility is nearly equal. The preliminary cost estimate for the project is \$14 million. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Janzen to approve the construction of a new power plant, including the purchase new generators. Motion carried 5 – 0.

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

- Discussion – 2023 Q1 Revenues & Expenses
- Review – Tree Removal & Planting List
- Discussion/Action – Approve Lowest Responsible Bidder
- Discussion/Action – Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
- Discussion/Action – Custodian/ City Hall & Community Center
- Discussion/Action – City Apparel

Michael Mueller, City Administrator, provided an update on the 2023 Q1 Revenues and Expenditures, there was no major concerns, there are a few large capital expenditures, not budgeted, such as the boardwalk and purchase of a new snowplow. The removal list was sent to six tree removal companies for bids. Zinniel Tree Service from Sleepy Eye had the lowest bid of \$6,585. Motion by Ysker, seconded by Borgen to award the lowest responsible bidder for tree removal to Zinniel. Motion carried 5 – 0.

The deputy clerk/treasurer position will be posted internally, Dawn Fast is expecting to retire this year, and will obtain a list of potential candidates who are interested in the position. Cindy Hiebert, Custodian resigned from her position on March 26, 2023. The City does not have a custodian until we hire someone. The City will post for a custodian, \$15-\$20 per hour. City Council confirmed the City will cover the cost of one shirt per employee.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk