

**City of Mountain Lake  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave  
Monday, April 5, 2021  
6:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Dean Janzen, Dana Kass, Darla Kruser, Mike Nelson, Andrew Ysker

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Michael Schulte, City Administrator/Clerk; Maryellen Suhrhoff, City Attorney; Daron Friesen, Street Superintendent; Andrew Kinnetz, Police Officer

Others Present: 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 Kass, to add 2.H Approve Amy Graw to the Planning & Zoning Commission to the consent agenda. Motion carried 5 – 0. Motion by Kass, seconded by Kruser, to approve the consent agenda and agenda as amended. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Bills: Checks #24755 – 24812, 718E

Payroll: Checks #65923 – 65937

Approve February 8 EDA Board Minutes

Approve March 11 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve March 15 City Council Minutes

Approve Chamber of Commerce Street Closure Request

Accept Resignation of Marci Balderas, Library Board, effective April 30, 2021

Approve Amy Graw to Planning & Zoning Commission, effective April 5, 2021

**Moment of Silence – In Remembrance of Ron Melson, Electric Superintendent**

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of Ron Melson, Electric Superintendent, who passed away on March 28, 2021. May Ron rest in peace.

**Public**

No one spoke during this portion of the meeting.

**Street Department Report**

Daron Friesen, Street Superintendent, provided a report of completed items in the month of March. The burn-site was opened for the season, one snow storm occurred, several graves were dug and filled, and other maintenance and routine items were completed.

### **Surplus Items - Library**

Kari Hanson, Library Director, has been working on cleaning and organizing the library and created a list of items as surplus that no longer serve a valuable purpose to the public library. Some items may be worth a few dollars. If approved as surplus, the library will advertise to the public to sell or give away and eventually dispose of the items properly. Motion by Janzen, seconded by Kruser, to declare the listed items as surplus and to sell/dispose of properly. Motion carried 5 – 0.

### **Police Vehicle**

The new police vehicle was equipped and is operational. Chief Bristol has been working on removing the graphics, maintaining, and cleaning the old vehicle to sell. The vehicle is a 2016 Ford Explorer with around 101,000 miles. There have been a few inquiries about the vehicle. If declared as surplus, Chief Bristol will advertise the vehicle for sealed bids and sell for the most value. Motion by Kass, seconded by Ysker, to declare the police vehicle as surplus and sell for the best value. Motion carried 5 – 0.

### **City Attorney**

Nuisances or previous nuisances at 736 9<sup>th</sup> Street North, 719 10<sup>th</sup> Street North, 1306 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, and 1406 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue were discussed. City Attorney Suhrhoff provided updates on court hearings and statuses of each.

### **American Rescue Plan**

An update on the American Rescue Plan was given by the administrator. \$350 billion is allocated for state and local governments with a list of uses the funds can be used for. More guidelines on how the funds can be used specifically are expected to come out over time, similar to last year's CARES Act funds. Mountain Lake is expected to receive around \$230,000 and Cottonwood County is expected to receive around \$2.17 million. Half will be given around May-June, unless there are unexpected delays, and the other half will be given a year from the first disbursement. Funds will need to be used by December 31, 2024. More details will be given once more guidance is known.

### **Summer Seasonal Electric Worker**

The Utilities Commission recommended to approve to advertise for a seasonal electric worker for the department this year. The last seasonal worker was hired during the summer of 2018. The worker will help with summer projects and routine summer items. Typically, summer help has been an individual half-way through a program receiving a diploma in the electric field and

wanting experience. Motion by Kass, seconded by Kruser, to approve to advertise for the position and offer \$15/hour for someone who has started in an electric field program or \$12/hour with no electrical experience. Motion carried 5 – 0.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

**Approved April 19, 2021**

ATTEST:

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Michael Schulte, Administrator/Clerk