

Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Avenue
Monday, May 15, 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 #27184 – 27234, 893E – 899E (1-8)
 - b. Payroll: Checks #67338 – 67366
 - c. Approve April 10 Lake Commission Minutes (9-10)
 - d. Approve April 11 Library Board Minutes, Expenditures, & Library Report (11-13)
 - e. Approve April 3 & 17 EDA Minutes (14-16)
 - f. Approve April 27 Utilities Commission Minutes (17-18)
 - g. Approve May 1 & 4 City Council Minutes (19-21)
 - h. Approve May 4 Board of Appeal & Equalization Minutes (22-23)
 - i. Approve Library Street Closure Requests (24)

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
 - a. Discussion/Action – Second Reading for Parking Regulation Amendment (25-27)

5. City Administrator
 - a. Discussion/Action – Request from Pow Wow Road Race and Fitness Walk (28)
 - b. Discussion/Action – Ordinance #2-23 City Park Hours (2nd Reading) (29)
 - c. Discussion/Action – Labor Negotiations/ Employment
 - d. Discussion/Action – Juneteenth

6. Roundtable
 - a. Discussion – Commissions/Boards Update

7. Adjourn

Lake Commission Meeting
Monday, April 10, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Dave Bucklin, Randy Loewen, Joey Morey, Kim Syverson, Nathan Harder, Janell Bargaen, Jean Haberman

Guests Present: Michael Mueller, City Administrator; Mike Nelson, Mayor

Chair Bucklin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. M/S/P Bargaen/Harder to approve agenda and minutes of the March 13, 2023 meeting.

Treasurer's Report (4/7/23)

Weed Harvester Income/Expense:

Ending Balance \$85,606.61

Trail Income/Expense:

Beginning Balance:	(55,176.20)
Transfer from general fund	49,392.14
Odell Wind Grant	5,000.00
MN DNR – Required Grant Signage	(46.15)
Ending Balance	(830.21)

M/S/P Loewen/Morey to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Lake Projects:

Aeration: The DO levels have gone from 8 to 4 to 6. Randy recommended keeping the aerator on to keep the oxygen levels up. Once the lake has sunlight and wave action, the aerator will be turned off.

Can Bin: The can bin will be cleaned out on Tuesday, April 11 at 3:30 p.m.

Water Testing: Dave Bucklin will look into the procedure for getting the lake water tested.

Harvesting: Several maintenance items need to be completed on the harvester before harvesting can begin. Randy will talk to Brian Janzen to see when he can do the repairs. Randy will also check with Luke Bartel.

Two people have applied for the weed harvesting operator positions – Nathan Fast and Vince Voelker. Devan Rempel is interested.

Trail: The City will do the finishing work on the boardwalk. They will apply asphalt to connect the trail to the boardwalk. They will also install a safety ballard post on both ends to discourage motor vehicles from driving on the boardwalk.

Discussion was held about the invasive wild parsnip problem. Alex Schultz will check the area by the trail after the wild parsnip starts growing and will recommend a plan to control it. Mowing and broadleaf spray are two ways to control it.

The family of Eric-John Niss de Jesus would like to donate a bench and tree in his memory. They would like to have the bench on the Island refurbished and plant a Blaze Orange Maple tree by the dam. Randy Loewen is going to refurbish a bench in memory of his father and then will refurbish the bench on the Island. Jean will contact Darin Friesen to remove the dead tree by the dam and then Jessica Niss' family can plant a tree in memory of Eric-John or the Conservation Corps could plant it the second week of May.

There was discussion about how to proceed with replacing benches with memorial benches as they are needed. Mike Nelson and Jean Haberman will look at different options. Purchased benches would need a concrete base.

It was recommended that only one bench be placed in memory of one person.

Next Lake Commission Meeting is Monday, May 8, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Haberman,
Secretary/Treasurer

MOUNTAIN LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
April 11th, 2023

Members Present: Rick H., Carol L., Rochelle M., Rachel S., Rachel B.

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Daniel Mick

Others Present: Michael Mueller

Others Absent: Andy Ysker

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm by Chairperson Rachel S.

Additions: Daniel M. reported that the building had been graded for its ADA compliance. Several things were pointed out such as the bathrooms not being compliant and some of the spaces being too tight for wheelchairs. Daniel M. stated he would put together a report of what needs to be changed and how much it may cost to make sure the library stays compliant to ADA standards.

Reports: Rachel B. / Rick H. approved minutes after minor correction for March 14th, 2023 meeting minutes.

Daniel M. presented the March Monthly reports indicating 2894 total circulation and expenditures in the amount of \$2,957.85. M/S Carol L. / Rochelle M. to accept the March reports as given and to approve the March expenditures, Motion carried.

Old Business: Daniel M. ran through the final SRP schedule and explained the plan for larger events such as Pow Wow & Parties for the children.

In New Business: None

Director Check In: Daniel M. reported the final drawing for the Reading Rewards was completed. But he would continue the small prize winnings for patrons especially for Hutterite communities to promote reading. May will also be the final drawing for Lego Club until after SRP but the standard after school Lego Club will continue.

Materials Suggested: NONE

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Mick

Mountain Lake
Public Library
April 2023

Children	
Audio	11
Books	880
DVDs	101
Non Print	3
Multi Media	1
Periodicals	23
ADULT	
Audio	9
Books	586
DVDs	206
Non Print	5
Multi Media	0
Periodicals	19
Other Physical Media	3
SUBTOTAL:	1847
Ebooks	51
Downloadable Audio	102
TOTAL CIRCULATION:	2438
ILLN	11
Interlibrary Loan Sent	203
Interlibrary Loan Received	198
ILL Non System	26

REVENUE	
Cash Income	\$ -
County Revenue	\$ -
Donations (Monetary)	\$ 300.00
Fines	
Misc. Revenue	\$ 404.56
Meeting Room Rental	\$ -
Sale of supplies	\$ 70.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 774.56
EXPENDITURES	
Books	\$ 1,215.85
Periodicals	\$ 30.00
Audio/Visual	\$ 165.35
Gas Utilities	\$ 161.67
Janitorial Supplies	\$ 157.12
Office Supplies	\$ 208.34
Library Supplies	\$ 275.26
Postage	\$ 44.37
Project Expense	\$ 514.18
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 63.77
Repairs & Maint-Janitorial	\$ 461.35
Tech/Automation Expense	\$ -
Telephone	\$ -
Travel	\$ -
MISC.	\$ 404.86
PCLS Delivery	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,702.12

LIBRARY EXPENDITURES

Expenditure	Description	Budget #	Total
Amazon - 0606	Rubber Cement	200	\$10.26
Indoff	Office Supplies	200	\$135.19
A&B	Printer Fee	200	\$59.91
Demco	Library Supplies	200	\$275.26
MN Energy	Gas	383	\$161.67
1000Bulbs	Bulb Re-Supply	400	\$117.09
Country Pride	Janitor Supplies	400	\$40.03
Durksen Electric	Light Repair	400	\$78.35
Janitor Pay	Dennis	400	\$345.00
SafteySign	Handicap & Van signs	401	\$63.77
Amazon - 7056	Canopy	430	\$164.95
Amazon - 1442	2X - 6ft Tables & 1X - 8ft Table	430	\$239.91
Amazon - 9450	SRP Crafts - Diamond Painting & Scratch Bookmarks	434	\$136.90
Amazon - 9067	Window Decorations for SRP	434	\$26.27
Amazon - 2269	SRP Crafts - Wood Stylus, Diamond Painting	434	\$28.97
Amazon - 8243	Magnetic Sign Holders and Sign Boards	434	\$24.94
Amazon - 0248	Window Decorations for SRP	434	\$14.97
Amazon - 4649	Magnetic Sign Holders	434	\$26.34
Amazon - 6243	Craft Supplies	434	\$17.87
Amazon - 8627	Facepainting Supplies	434	\$172.97
Amazon - 1825	Supplies & Board Game	434	\$64.95
Amazon - 2638	Book	520	\$14.05
Amazon - 0262	Book	520	\$14.99
Ingram	Book Orders	520	\$1,186.81
Magnolia Journal	Renewal	591	\$30.00
Amazon - 5854	DVD	592	\$12.96
Amazon - 0231	DVDs	592	\$76.79
Amazon - 4665	DVD	592	\$19.96
Amazon - 6652	DVD	592	\$10.69
Amazon - 7405	DVDs	592	\$44.95
		Total:	\$3,616.77

Special Economic Development Authority
Monday, April 3rd, 2023
Mt. Lake City Hall
Council Chambers

PRESENT: Jerry Haberman, Mike Nelson, Mitch Schroeder, and Eileen Augustin

ABSENT: Steve Syverson and Phil Skow

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: Michael Mueller

STAFF: Rod Hamilton and Tabitha Garloff

1. CALL TO ORDER: President Haberman called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. Motion to vote on Resolution 1-23 to establish TIF District 2-1. Rod reviewed the TIF Development Agreement and Resolution 1-23. Motion made by Mike to approve Resolution 1-23 and TIF Development Agreement contingent on City Council's approval. Seconded by Mitch. Motion carried.
3. ADJOURN. President Haberman adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

Economic Development Authority
Monday, April 17, 2023
Mt. Lake City Hall
Council Chambers

PRESENT: Jerry Haberman, Eileen Augustin, Darla Kruser, Mike Nelson, and Phil Skow. Clara Johnson and Vern Peterson, Advisors.
ABSENT: Steve Syverson and Mitch Schroeder.
STAFF: Rod Hamilton and Tabitha Garloff
CITY ADMINISTRATOR: Michael Mueller

1. CALL TO ORDER: President Haberman called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.
2. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda
Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of March 20th and April 5th, 2023, Meeting Minutes.
 - b. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills. Motion made by Darla to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Mike. Motion carried.
3. Little Care Bears Daycare/Mountain Lake Christian School. Karen contacted Tabitha and stated she has not secured financing. Mountain Lake Christian School (MLC) has expressed interest in purchasing the daycare building. MLC has stated they will have a proposal for the EDA May 3rd. Rod stated he had a discussion with Anne Reese, Good Samaritan Society Administrator and she expressed the need for expanded daycare services in Mountain Lake. Rod stated they also discussed the previous housing plan located near Good Sam and Anne stated that plan is no longer on the table.
4. Commercial Park. Local entrepreneurs are looking at constructing a 40'x60' industrial building to expand a Canadian Company to the area. The Commissioner of Agriculture has expressed interest in helping get the project completed. Discussed the need for an incubator/spec building in the commercial park.
5. South Commercial Park. A local business has expressed the need for additional warehouse space. There is an investor interested in the project. Discussion continued on building the infrastructure. Rod stated Lisa Hughes, Department of Employment and Economic Development, and Robin Weis, Southwest Regional Development Commission, will be attending the May 8th EDA meeting to discuss what DEED and SWRDC have to offer the EDA and Mountain Lake businesses.
6. Krienke Foods International, Inc. April lease payment has not been made. Maryellen will send a notice of default and intent to evict letter.
7. Update on IKWE Visit. The hotel investment project meeting notice stirred great excitement in the community and should be well attended. Staff will contact Northland Securities and legal council to discuss EDA board members as investors.

8. Update on Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership. All required paperwork has been submitted. Joel Hollerich, SWMHP, will contact us as soon as he receives notice of release of funds. Discussed need for multi-language notices and applications.

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION:
 - a. Next Regular Board Meeting is May 8, 2023.
 - b. Other Business. Discussed HyLife potential closing concerns and impact on Mountain Lake. Discussed Nik Stroms desire to purchase lot/lots at Lakeview Estates for additional yard. Discussed Balzer transition to next generation. Bill Frietag contacted Rod and Tabitha offering his fourplex to the EDA for purchase. Darla and Tabitha will do a walk through of the fourplex with Bill and report back to the board. Rod will do a projected cash flow.

10. ADJOURN. President Haberman adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

**Mountain Lake Utilities Commission Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall
Thursday, April 27, 2023
7 AM**

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

Members Absent: Brian Janzen

Staff Present: Jill Falk; Utilities Office Manager; Dave Watkins; Electric Superintendent; Taylor Nesmo; Water/Wastewater Superintendent

Others Present:

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7 AM.

Approval of Minutes and Bills

Motion by Johnson seconded by Garloff to approve the April 13th Minutes, and Check Numbers 22488-22524 (463E-465E). Motion carried.

Electric Department

1. Watkins has reached out to Kulseth Lawn and Landscaping in Windom to repair the pavers for the light poles on Third Avenue. Depending on the weather, they should be able to get it completed fairly soon.
2. The next phase of the Generator project has started. There is a meeting on May 5th with Mike Thielen and Barr Engineering. Now that the project has been quoted, the next step is to figure out who will be completing each portion. Watkins would like Thielen to remain on as the Electrical engineer and complete the electrical portion of the project.
3. The storms last week caused a power outage on 13th Avenue. A rotted pole caused the line to go down. Watkins mentioned that he would like to have pole testing completed and has reached out to Star Energy. Most likely, this will not be able to be completed until 2024.
4. The emissions stack testing has begun today, although it is overdue. Since our previous request for testing had gone unanswered, CMPAS brought in DGR to complete the testing, which should last for two days. Each generator will be required to run for a total of four hours.
5. The changes that were previously discussed for the Underground Wire Placement Policy have been updated. All residential and Single-Phase connections will be completed up to the meter socket. The Three-phase connections will be completed up to the individual transformer. For single-phase, it was recommended to reword the policy to state “any upgrades where the meter is not attached to the building will be moved to the building and all costs (material and labor) will be the customer’s responsibility”. A motion was made by Savage to accept the revised policy with the minor change in verbiage. The motion was then seconded by Johnson; the motion passed. Garloff recommended a letter

or notice be sent out to make others aware of the change. Savage did point out that it would only affect a business with new construction which would already require a permit. It was then decided to place a copy of the policy in the permit packets with new construction and remodels.

Water/Wastewater Department

1. Nesmoe stated that the new membranes for the RO have arrived. The original plan was to have them installed this summer, however, now this should be completed by the end of May. Once again, the RO will need to be shut down, so proper notification to the public will need to take place.
2. Ziegler will be in town next week to repair the fuel tank for the pond generator. AG Builders will also be present with a crane to assist with the generator repair.
3. There is a potential water leak on Sunset Avenue. Nesmoe noticed the road has remained damp and as a precaution, he has scheduled a leak detection survey to be completed next week. Since a required city-wide survey is due, that will be completed as well.
4. Ten water meters have been purchased from Metron and most of them have been installed. Nesmoe, Watkins, and Mueller met with a representative from Ferguson to learn about their meters. They may not be as technologically advanced as Metron but still have several features we are looking for. Ferguson has offered to complete a cost-benefit analysis, which will hopefully be completed soon.
5. Several complaints have come in regarding the condition of the water. Myrna Long is one of these with complaints. She provided a written letter, as well as several dishes to show the damage that the water had caused. She would like some sort of compensation, as she had to replace her boiler, replace her RO filters, and went several days without heat or hot water. Falk has had contact with Bridget Hodkin at Elite Mechanical, who replaced her boiler. Hodkin did state that damage to the boiler was most likely due to age. Although there was no water testing completed, she did not feel that the water conditions had any effect on the boiler itself. The hard water marks should be able to be cleaned now that the RO is running efficiently. According to the City Ordinance; (Section 3.20 Rules and Regulations relating to Water Service; Subdivision 1) the city is not liable for any deficiency or failure in the supply of water to customers whether occasioned by shutting the water off for the purpose of making repairs or connection or by any cause whatsoever. In making repairs or construction of new works, water may be shut off at any time and kept off so long as may be necessary. It was decided that no compensation will be given.

City Administrator

Prior to the meeting, Mueller sent an email with information for a grant request that has been submitted. If approved the grant would assist with the costs for the construction of the new power plant. Nothing was discussed at this time.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 a.m.

ATTEST:

**City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Monday, May 1, 2023
6:30 p.m.**

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

Members Absent: Bryan Bargaen

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator; Maryellen Suhrhoff City Attorney;
Ben McHenry Police Officer

Others Present: Joel Alvstad, 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 Janzen, seconded by Ysker to add purchasing a weed harvester and the sunflower to the agenda. Motion carried 3 – 0. Motion by Ysker, seconded by Janzen to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 3 – 0.

Bills: Checks #27134 – 27183, 888E – 892E

Payroll: Checks #37322 - 67337

Approve April 13 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve April 17 City Council Minutes

Approve April Street Department Report – *Daron Friesen, Street Superintendent*

Approve Resolution #12-23 \$10,000 Fire Relief Donation

Public

No comments

Lake Commission

The Lake Commission has recommended to City Council to purchase a weed harvester for \$78,500 from Aquatic Weed Harvester Company. This weed harvester is up and running in good working order, owned by a governmental agency, and only ran for 56 hours. A trailer is included, however, freight to deliver and a conveyor is not included in the purchase price. Motion by Janzen, seconded by Ysker to approve the purchase of the new weed harvester for \$78,500. Motion carried 4 – 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/Action – Ordinance #2-23 City Park Hours (1st Reading)

Discussion/Action – Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Position

Discussion/Action – Sunflower

Michael Mueller, City Administrator read the first reading on the proposed ordinance change regarding city park hours, parks would be open from 5:00 A.M to 11:00 P.M., and shall be considered closed after 11:00 P.M.. No person should be in any park between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 5:00 A.M unless they have written permission from the City Administrator.

There was an internal job posting for the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, and there was only one applicant, Alyssa Nesmoe. Nesmoe is qualified to take the position, and the City Administrator recommended to Council to offer the position to Nesmoe. Motion by Janzen, seconded by Ysker to offer the position of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer position to Alyssa Nesmoe once Dawn Fast retires. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Cottonwood County approved the repainting of the sunflower on County State-Aid Highway No.27. Councilman Janzen asked who would be liable if there was an accident caused by the paint from the sunflower. Maryellen Suhrhoff City Attorney confirmed the County had the final approval of the sunflower, City Council only made a request, thus any potential liability would be against the County.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk

**City of Mountain Lake
Special City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Thursday, May 4, 2023
4:30 p.m.**

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

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator; Doug Bristol Police Chief

Others Present: None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 4:30 p.m.

Strategic Planning- Employment

The City of Mountain Lake posted for a full and part time police officer more than two months ago, and has not received any applications. Doug Bristol Police Chief discussed with Council that there are over 130 departments in Minnesota trying to hire police officers. The City Council decided to update the police department pay scales to retain and attract new hires.

Motion by Kruser, seconded by Bargaen to add an Assistant Police Chief position, approve the pay scale, and post the position. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Motion by Janzen, seconded by Ysker to approve the updated pay scales for the police officer, police chief, and city administrator, effective on the start of the next pay period, depending on the LELS union agreeing to change or reopen their contract . Motion carried 5 – 0.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk

**Board of Appeal and Equalization
Mountain Lake City Council
Thursday, May 4, 2023
5:30 p.m.**

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Michael Mueller, City Administrator

Others Present: Gale Bondhus, County Assessor; David Grev, AMA; Sarah Lanier, CMA; Tom Appel County Commissioner; Joyce James, Hugh & Myrna Long, Janet Broten, Julie Brugman,

Mayor Nelson called the Board of Review to order at 5:30 p.m.

Board of Review

Gale Bondhus, County Assessor, introduced herself.

Bondhus stated that the City of Mountain Lake had 31 sales of residential property that they considered “good sales”. These sales were open market that took place between October 1, 2021, and September 30, 2022. To now have a significant increase in values for a particular class, the median ratio of those 31 sales would have had to be between 90% and 105%. The ratio on the 31 sales was 85.68%. Based on the 31 sales, their office set the residential values to increase by 12%. The value increases were on the residential buildings – not on the land. Their new ratio reflecting those changes is 96.03%. Ag properties increased roughly 60%. The City of Mountain Lake’s Estimate Market Value (EMV) for 2022 was \$111,386,800, and in 2023 increased to \$124,560,800. Various properties and their values were discussed.

Bondhus provided various responses, answers, comparable sales, explanations, and calculations to the various questions by property owners who were present.

Councilmember Andrew Ysker left.

There were seven appeals by property owners.

Motion by Janzen, seconded by Kruser, to change the valuation from \$167,700 to \$117,000 on Esther Nelson’s property, 22.520.1750. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Tim Herrig, 22.610.0240, has a non-buildable lot and the increased valuation is \$4,100. There can be no use for this lot, nor can it be combined, requested the valuation to be lowered to \$2,500. Motion by Bargaen, seconded by Kruser, to change the valuation from \$4,100 to \$2,500 on Tim Herrig's property, 22.610.0240. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Motion by Janzen, seconded by Bargaen, to change the valuation from \$98,500 to \$94,100 on Nicholas Curry's property, 22.611.0760. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Motion by Bargaen, seconded by Janzen, to make no changes to parcel 22.520.0020; Hugh & Myrna Long. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Motion by Kruser, seconded by Bargaen, to make no changes to parcel 22.413.0720; Janet Broten. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Motion by Kruser, seconded by Bargaen, to make no changes to parcel 22.520.0831; Julie Brugman. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Motion by Bargaen, seconded by Kruser, to make no changes to parcel 22.520.1970; Julie Brugman. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Bondhus stated that Councilmember Janzen is certified until July 1, 2025, and preferably there should be one more councilmember trained for next year, to stagger training.

Motion by Janzen, seconded by Bargaen, to approve all the assessments in the City of Mountain Lake. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk

The library would like to request the street in front of the library closed June 5th from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM (if it is not needed I will let you know as soon as I know the weather won't be working with us). And on August 19th the section of the alley starting from the Grocery Store delivery ramp to 4th avenue blocked from 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM for an end of the Summer outside movie and event night.

Daniel

Daniel Mck

Director, Mountain Lake Public Library

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SECTION 11.04 RESIDENTIAL OFF-STREET PARKING.

Subdivision 1. Definitions. See Ordinance #3-10 See Ordinance #3-20

1. Vehicle- any device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a street, except devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

2. Parking Space- A suitably surfaced and permanently maintained area on private property, either within a building or outside that consists of crushed rock, rock, gravel, cement or blacktop or other material as pre-approved by the City Council on a case by case basis.

3. Setback Line- The minimum horizontal distance between a structure and a lot line.

4. Front Yard- The yard extending the width of the lot from the front lot line to the building setback line.

5. Rear Yard Line- the yard extending the width of the lot extending from the rear lot line to the rear setback line.

6. Lot Line- a line bounding a lot, except that where any portion of a lot extends into a street, the line of such street shall be the lot line.

7. Front Lot Line- The boundary of a lot which abuts a street. For any lot other than a corner lot, which abuts more than one street, all boundaries abutting and parallel to the streets shall be front line lots.

8. Rear Lot Line- the boundary of a lot, which is opposite or most distant from the front lot line.

9. Side Yard- the yard extending along the side lot between the front and rear yards, extending perpendicularly from the side lot line to the side yard setback.

10. Recreational Devices – includes but is not limited to, boats, boat trailers, flat-bed trailers, any other water craft, snowmobiles, golf carts, mini-trucks, dune buggies, go-carts, ice-houses, and all-terrain vehicles as defined by MN Statute 84.92, Subd. 8

Subdivision 2. Off-Street Parking Regulations

1. Any vehicle parked at a residence, the off-street parking space must be within a building or outside on a space, which is maintained with crushed rock, rock, gravel, cement or blacktop and kept neatly.

2. Required off-street parking automobile parking space shall not be utilized for open storage or for the storage of vehicles, which are inoperable, for sale or for rent.
3. The parking area shall have vehicular access to a street, alley, or roadway with such use and shall not be encroached upon in any manner.
4. Required off-street vehicle parking space shall not be utilized for open storage or for the storage of vehicles, which are inoperable, wrecked, partially dismantled or junked condition.
5. Off-street parking in a residential zone shall not be located in the front yard setback or in a street side yard setback.
6. The vehicle must have affixed to it valid, current motor vehicle registration/license, unless housed in a lawfully erected building defined by Minnesota State Building Standards/Code.
7. Off-street parking in a residential zone shall have five (5) feet setback between the parking space and the property line.
8. Vehicles, recreational devices, and other articles stored on the outside on residential property for periods of time longer than occasional visits of guests must be owned by a person who resides on that property. Students who are away at school for periods of time but still claim the property as their legal residence will be considered residents on the property.

Subdivision 3. Declaration of Nuisance: The outside parking and storage of residentially-zoned property of vehicles, recreational devices, materials, supplies, or equipment not customarily used for residential purposes in violation of the requirements set forth below is declared to be a public nuisance and subject to the provisions of Section 8.03 because:

1. Obstructs views on streets and private property.
2. Creates cluttered and otherwise unsightly areas.
3. Prevents the full use of residential streets for residential parking.
4. Introduces commercial advertising signs into areas where commercial advertising signs are otherwise prohibited.

5. Decreases adjoining landowners and occupants' enjoyment of their property and neighborhood.

6. Otherwise adversely affects property values and neighborhood patterns.

Subdivision 4. Penalty In addition to other penalties provided for the violation of an ordinance, if the owner or occupant of the real property parks, stores, or keeps a vehicle in violation of the provisions of this section, it may be removed and stored by the City at the title owner's expense.

The City Council adds a new paragraph 9. to Subdivision 2 of Section 11.04 as follows:

Outside maintained parking areas shall be limited to 30% of the total square footage of any lot.

May 8, 2023

City of Mountain Lake:

This is a very important race as it is our 50th annual race. We believe it is the longest continually held race in Minnesota.

For many years you have been one of the main sponsors for the Pow Wow Road Race and Fitness Walk. Your generosity has allowed us to offer one the lowest entry costs in the state of Minnesota. By keeping the entry costs it as low as possible it is a more family friendly and affordable race.

With the above in mind, we hope you would continue your generous donation of \$300.00. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

With thanks,



Paul Metcalf
Co-race director
Box 63
Mountain Lake, MN 56159

Ordinance #2-23
An Ordinance of the City of Mt. Lake
Amending Chapter 8 of the City Code

The City Council of City of Mt. Lake ordains that Section 8.18 be amended as follows :

Adopt a new regulation 1; renumber paragraphs 1-13 to 2-14

SECTION 8.18 PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Subdivision 2. Regulations.

1. Parks are open from 5:00 A.M to 11:00 P.M., and shall be considered closed after 11:00 P.M.. No person should be in any park between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 5:00 A.M unless they have written permission from the City Administrator.

Passed by the Council this 5th day of June 2023.

Mike Nelson, Mayor

Attest: _____
Michael Mueller, City Administrator/Clerk