

**Regular Council Meeting  
Mountain Lake City Hall  
Monday, May 6, 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; Maryellen Suhrhoff, City Attorney

Others Present: Gloria McKissick, Kade Wassman

**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 Ysker, to remove Street Department Report (moved to next meeting) and to add 7.F Discussion – Bike Rental System to the agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Savage, seconded by Kruser, to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Bills: Checks #22350 – 22410, 602E – 603E

Payroll: Checks #64562 – 64577

Approval of March Library Board Minutes, March Library Report, & March Library Expenditures

Approval of March 18 EDA Board Minutes

Approval of April 15 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approval of April 15 City Council Minutes

**Public**

Nobody spoke during this portion of the meeting

**Community Center Renovation Project**

More projects are desired by the volunteer group to occur at the community center. The Mountain Lake Area Foundation is accepting grant applications for items/projects. The administrator asked the Council if they desired to apply for more funds now or wait to apply in the future. Projects, costs, and items were discussed. Direction was given to receive an official list of future projects and items and apply for funds to the Mountain Lake Area Foundation.

**Ambulance/Fire Contracts**

The ambulance/fire contracts were reviewed. Each contract has been signed by each township representatives. Motion by Kass, seconded by Kruser, to approve the contracts. Motion carried.

### **Water/Wastewater Foreman & Water/Wastewater Worker**

Taylor Nesmoe has worked 30 days in the Water/Wastewater Foreman position. He has met with the administrator and desires to continue in his current position. The Council has the option to keep an employee in the new position or place the employee back in the former position per union policy. Motion by Savage, seconded by Kass, to continue to keep Taylor Nesmoe in the Water/Wastewater Foreman position, and to post internally and externally (if needed) for the Water/Wastewater Worker position. Motion carried.

### **10<sup>th</sup> Street Lights**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Street Lights between 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue are in very poor condition and the wiring and conduit are beyond repair. Replacing the fixtures, boaring, pipe, and concrete have been discussed at the past few Utilities Commission meetings. The Utilities Commission has agreed to cover the costs of the boaring (\$5,250), pipe (\$315), and concrete (\$1,500) for a total of \$7,065 if the city will cover the costs on the fixtures (\$4,924). Light repairs were not a budgeted item in 2019's budget. Motion by Kass, seconded by Ysker, to pay \$4,924 for the fixtures as an unbudgeted expense. Motion carried.

### **Citizen Engagement Online Questionnaire**

As requested at a previous meeting, a citizen engagement questionnaire is being created. The administrator asked the council if they desired any specific questions or wanted to request any data. Direction was given to the administrator on some components of the questionnaire.

### **Future Events**

Future events were reviewed. The May 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting will stay on this date as planned. The EDA Strategic Planning meeting will be posted as a public meeting for both the EDA and the City Council.

### **Bike Rental System**

A concrete pad is needed for the bike racks for the new bike rental system. The city administrator will be receiving an estimated cost of the concrete pad. The administrator asked the Council if they would like to apply for grant funds through the Mountain Lake Area Foundation on behalf of the Active Living Committee. Direction was given to the administrator to apply for funds for the concrete pad.

### **City Attorney**

The city attorney provided an update on the greenhouse property. The owners were served a letter by the sheriff on April 19. The property owners now have 20 days to respond or a court hearing will be set. An ordinance was presented that changes payable offenses to a mandatory

court appearance. This change is to speed up the process of various public nuisances such as junk vehicles on residential lots. Junk vehicles, junk in backyards, and other public nuisances were discussed. The council requested a list from the Police Department of various addresses that they are working on to eliminate junk and other nuisances. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Kass, to approve Ordinance #4-19. Motion carried.

**Second Reading – Ordinance #3-19 Amending Right-Of-Way Ordinance**

Ordinance #3-19 was read for the second time.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

**Approved May 21, 2019**

ATTEST:

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Michael Schulte, Administrator/Clerk