

**City of Mountain Lake  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave  
Thursday, June 20, 2024  
5:45 p.m.**

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

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator; Maryellen Suhrhoff City Attorney

Others Present: Sara Oberloh, Doug Regehr, Joel Alvstad

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 5:45 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 #28396 – 28435, 1087E – 1096E

Payroll: Checks #68118 – 68151

Approve May 13 Lake Commission Minutes

Approve May 14 Library Board Minutes, Expenditures, and Library Report

Approve May 20 EDA Board Minutes

Approve May 23 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve June 3 City Council Minutes

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

**Public**

No comment

**2023 City Audit**

Sara Oberloh from Oberloh & Oberloh, Ltd, presented the 2023 city audit to the Council.

Oberloh reviewed and explained various components of the audit including revenues, expenses, budgeted amounts for various departments, and various funds. Various graphs and line items of revenues and expenses were presented and explained. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Ysker to approve the 2023 City Audit. 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. Motion by Janzen, seconded by Bargen to approve Resolution #10-24 Condemn 521 Klien St. Motion carried 5 – 0.

### **City Administrator**

- Discussion/Action – Assessment Policy
- Discussion/Action – Street Project Priorities
- Discussion/Action – Mountain Lake Alliance Church Request
- Discussion/Action – Employee Recognition Policy
- Discussion/Action – August 19, 2024 City Council Meeting

The last approved assessment policy by the City Council was in 2001. Comparable cities assessment policies were reviewed to update the Mountain Lake Assessment Policy. Before City Council determines the assessment value, they would like to compare the differences between the cost on a benefitted property. Discussion continued from the previous meetings on city street projects. The item was tabled, Council requested the Utilities Commission to review and plan for their priorities to gather their input.

Alliance Church requested to install signs to reserve 4 spots on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue for only seniors on Sunday mornings. Motion by Janzen, seconded by Kruser to approve the Mountain Lake Alliance Church Request. Motion carried 4 – 0. Bargen abstained.

The Employee Recognition Policy was tabled, due to adjustments.

There was discussion to cancel the City Council meeting on August 19. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Ysker to cancel the August 19 meeting and allow the Mayor to sign the checks. Motion carried 5 – 0.

### **Roundtable**

An update was given to the council regarding board and commission meetings.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk