

**Regular Council Meeting  
Mountain Lake City Hall  
Monday, July 22, 2019  
6:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Dana Kass, David Savage, Andrew Ysker

Members Absent: Darla Kruser, Mike Nelson

City Staff Present: Michael Schulte, City Administrator/Clerk; Maryellen Suhrhoff, City Attorney

Others Present: Sue Garloff, Anne Reese, Jennifer Shouse-Klassen, Justin Klassen, Doug Regehr, Gloria McKissick; Deanna Anderson, Observer/Advocate; Owen Todd, Bolton & Menk

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Savage at 6:30 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda**

Motion by Kass, seconded by Ysker, to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

Bills: Checks #22669 – 22696, 616

Payroll: Checks #64729 – 64746

Approve April 9 Tree Commission Minutes

Approve June 10 EDA Board Minutes

Approve June 10 Lake Commission Minutes

Approve June 20 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve June 28 Special EDA Board Minutes

Approve July 8 City Council Minutes

Approve July 16 Special City Council Minutes

Approve Resolution #22-19 – Accept Tree Planting Donations

Approve Resolution #23-19 – Ambulance Raffle

Approve to Submit Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Application for \$20,000 on Behalf of the Lake Commission

Approve to Submit Odell Wind Farm Community Fund Application for \$5,000 on behalf of the Lake Commission

Approve to Submit Big Bend Wind Grant Application for \$3,500 on Behalf of the Active Living Committee

**Public**

No public comments were made.

**City Engineer Report**

Owen Todd, City Engineer from Bolton & Menk, provided an update on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and the city's punch list items from the 2012-2013 street project, commercial park storm water drainage, and the Mountain Lake welcome sign. Last fall, the city was informed by Brad DeWolf, CEO of Bolton & Menk, that Bolton & Menk and Kuechle Underground reached an agreement to fix 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and the other punch list items around town at no cost to the city. This past spring, Todd has been persistently asking Kuechle Underground of their plan and schedule to fix the issues in the city. After no substantial response, Todd sent Kuechle Underground a letter requesting a response and plan by July 8<sup>th</sup>. No written response was given on the 8<sup>th</sup> but Kuechle agreed to meet with Todd and the street superintendent on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Kuechle then informed Todd that Kuechle will not do the repair work despite Todd stating that Bolton & Menk will move towards litigation to have a portion or the total cost paid by Kuechle. The first step in doing so is to schedule a meeting with the contractor's bonding company to go over the issues. This meeting is scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup>. More information will be known after this meeting.

Flooding north of the railroad tracks north of the commercial park occurred last summer and this past spring. When the flooding occurred again this spring, the design work was questioned and investigated to determine what has been causing the flooding. A garage at 600 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave was flooded last summer and this spring. After a thorough investigation, re-surveying the land, and reviewing the construction plans, no definite answers were determined. A clogged or frozen storm drain and pipe north of the railroad tracks that runs northwest towards County Road 27, the dirt piles with debris, the possible elevation changes from PCI or the county from last summer, the irregular amount of rain and snow, or a combination of multiple possibilities are possible causes of the flooding. The city has installed new storm drain covers north of the railroad tracks and along County Road 27. The dirt piles are currently being removed by GM Contracting. The city will also contact the county on possibly lining up a potential project to upgrade the storm sewer system near County Road 44 and County Road 27 and upgrading the 12" pipe that runs towards this intersection to a 30" pipe.

A landscape team has been working on the design and the different parties involved to design and build a new Mountain Lake welcome sign to be placed at the southeast corner of the commercial park.

**Community Center**

The furnace/AC-unit at the community center is leaking and needs repair. Hall's Handy Heating and Cooling reviewed the unit and stated the repair would be around \$300. A new unit was recommended. Quotes from Hall's, Elite Mechanical, and Schwalbach were reviewed. Costs of

repair and maintenance at the community center have gone up the past few years and will be reviewed during the next few budget discussions. Motion by Kass, seconded by Ysker, to purchase a new unit at a price of \$7,608 from Hall's Handy Heating and Cooling. Motion carried.

### **Police & Street Department Transfer to/from Savings**

2018 figures were presented and reviewed for the Police and Street Department. Motion by Ysker, seconded by Kass, to transfer \$24,574.33 to the Police Department Savings and to transfer \$4,030.32 from Street Department savings to the general fund. Motion carried.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Revenue & Expenses**

The second quarter revenue and expenses were reviewed.

### **City Attorney**

City Attorney Suhrhoff will be working on an annexation resolution for the wastewater ponds A scheduling hearing regarding the greenhouses is set for July 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Wastewater Ponds Project**

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) certified Mountain Lake's project at the end of June. The option-to-buy agreements have been signed by the two landowners. A new Significant Industrial User (SIU) agreement is currently being reviewed by Milk Specialties. A sewer rate analysis is in the works by Northland Securities. The process of annexation of the land will begin. Once these items are completed, the project can be sent out for bid and the loan agreement with the PFA can be executed. Potential construction date could be spring of 2020. Officially purchasing the land can take place after the fall harvest into 2020.

### **Hazardous Buildings**

Three potential hazardous houses have been identified and may need to be inspected and condemned. The taxes on two properties are current. One property is subject to tax forfeiture in 2020. Questions to the council of whether to begin the condemnation process and budget for demolition costs were asked. Direction was given to have the building inspector begin the process and determine the next steps.

### **Adjourn**

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

**Approved August 5, 2019**

ATTEST:

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Michael Schulte, Administrator/Clerk