

**Regular Council Meeting  
Mountain Lake City Hall  
Monday, July 8, 2019  
6:30 p.m.**

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

Members Absent: David Savage

City Staff Present: Michael Schulte, City Administrator/Clerk; Maryellen Suhrhoff, City Attorney; Jake Vitzthum, Police Officer

Others Present: Gloria McKissick; Deanna Anderson, Observer/Advocate

**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 approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

Bills: Checks #22566 – 22648, 609E – 613E

Payroll: Checks #64668 – 64706

Approve May 23 Police Commission Minutes

Approve June 6 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve June 19 City Council Minutes

Approve Resolution #19-19 – Accept \$3,000 Fire Relief Donation

Approve Resolution #20-19 – Accept Community Center Renovation Donations

Approve Resolution #21-19 – Accept MLAF Donation on Behalf of Active Living Committee

**Public**

No public comments were made.

**Street Department Report**

Rick Oeltjenbruns, Street Superintendent, provided a report of activities completed in June. Preparing for Pow Wow was the main focus for most of the month. Mowing, digging graves, sweeping streets, and other tasks took place throughout the month. Questions were asked about setting up the chamber tent and spraying. The Street Department helps set up the main chamber tent for Pow Wow. The front of city hall will be sprayed for weeds.

### **Storm Sewer at 1103 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave**

Rick Oeltjenbruns and Owen Todd, City Engineer, met with Curt Fast at True Value at 1103 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to inspect a storm sewer on the back side of the store. The installation of the storm sewer and who owns the storm sewer are unknown. Water does not properly drain during the spring and during major rain events. The store currently sits on top of a portion of the underground pipe and heads east. It is believed that there used to be an alleyway that connected 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue where the shop currently sits. To create a new storm sewer that would bring the storm water south towards 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue would cost approximately \$35,000 - \$45,000, according to Owen Todd. Direction was given from the council to jet the current system to see if that can solve the issue of water backing up in the spring and during major rain events.

### **Ordinance #5-19 Amending Animal Regulations**

Ordinance #5-19 was read for the second time.

### **City Attorney**

A scheduling conference with the court to discuss the greenhouse property in the city is still scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>. The city attorney has offered to meet with the property owners and their attorney, but no communication has been received back from the property owners. It was made known that the attorney representing the greenhouse property owners has dropped representation due to lack of responses from the property owners. If the property owners do not attend the scheduling conference, the city attorney will ask for a default judgement. The council gave the city attorney direction to discuss with the judge to enforce the property owners to bring the current buildings up to code according to the building inspector's requirements or to have the property owners remove the buildings and debris and to remove the sitting vehicles. If the issues are not addressed and resolved, the judge may allow an order to repair or demolish the buildings and assess the costs to the property's taxes. More updates will be known after July 24<sup>th</sup>. A public nuisance on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue was brought up and discussed. The city administrator will work with the building inspector to address the issue.

### **Tobacco License**

Uncle B's Liquor Store submitted a new tobacco license application to sell tobacco products at its store at 1040 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. The application, license fee, and insurance were properly submitted to city hall. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Ysker, to approve the tobacco license submitted by Uncle B's Liquor Store. Motion carried.

### **Community Center**

An update on donations received and expenses to date was given to the council. To date, \$28,947.61 has been donated and \$27,890.42 has been spent. Paint, new window tint, new photos, and new flooring have been purchased so far. Other projects and ideas for the community center were discussed.

### **Notice of Defective Work Requiring Correction Sent to Kuechle Underground**

A notice was sent to Kuechle Underground from Bolton & Menk of the work not completed properly by Kuechle Underground. This includes 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and other punch list items around the city. Last fall, Bolton & Menk and Kuechle Underground made an agreement to fix the items at no cost to the city. Kuechle has been contacted multiple times over the past month to the address the items and little communication has been made back. A response of a plan of action was stated to be needed by July 8<sup>th</sup>. The city administrator did not receive an update from the city engineer at the time of the meeting but will contact the engineer tomorrow morning. If no response or plan is given, the work will be handled by Bolton & Menk with the costs to be billed to Kuechle Underground.

### **Second City Council Meeting**

Conflicts were mentioned with the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. It was decided to move the meeting to July 30<sup>th</sup>.

\*Editor's note – the meeting was moved back to July 22<sup>nd</sup> after changed plans were made known to the administrator the following day after this meeting\* The meeting will remain on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm.

### **Approved July 22, 2019**

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Michael Schulte, Administrator/Clerk