

**City of Mountain Lake  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave  
Monday, September 18, 2023  
6:30 p.m.**

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

Members Absent: None

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

Others Present: Marty Seifert, Doug Regehr, Joel Alvstad

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 6:30 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda**

Motion by Bargen, seconded by Kruser to add the Custodian Position to the agenda. Motion carried 5 – 0. Motion by Janzen, seconded by Ysker to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Bills: Checks # 27558-27603, 956E-961E

Payroll: Checks #67561 – 67598

Approve July 11 Library Board Minutes, Expenditures & Report & August Expenditures & Report

Approve August 14 Lake Commission Minutes

Approve August 21 EDA Minutes

Approve August 24 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve September 5 City Council Minutes

Approve Electric Rate Study

**Public**

No comments

**Coalition of Greater MN Cities (CGMC)**

Marty Seifert, CGMC Government Relations presented a report on the past legislative session, LGA, and other activities the Coalition has been focusing on along with specific details to Mountain Lake. CGMC will continue to lobby for LGA, Property Tax Relief, Environment & Energy, Economic Development, Transportation, Annexation & Land Use, and Labor & Employee Relations, to name a few. General questions and discussion ensued.

### **Fire & Ambulance Hall**

The current hall does not have adequate space around apparatuses, adequate space for turnout lockers, maneuvering apparatuses, space for storage, and proper door heights for the ambulances. The current building is limited on expansion and meeting the proper safety measures. An overview of the history of reviewing options for the fire/ambulance hall were discussed, and provided estimated costs. The council provided direction to keep moving forward on a solution. Further research on building materials, costs and financing options will be conducted by the city administrator.

### **City Attorney**

An update was given to the council regarding civil processes on various properties, public nuisances, current processes, court procedures, agreements, and plans. The council and attorney discussed various items and strategies to solve the various nuisances. There was a second reading for regulating the use of cannabis and cannabis derived products in public places.

### **City Administrator**

The administrator provided an update on the City's health insurance plan, and was able to change the plan to save the City \$1500 on the premium, per each employee with family coverage. Due to the savings and increase in the plan's deductible, the recommendation was for the City to contribute \$700 more in the employees HSA for family coverage and \$200 more in single coverage. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Ysker to increase HSA City Contributions to \$4,000 per year for family coverage and \$1,200 per year for single coverage. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Ashley Mullen, Custodian is out due to medical reasons and is expected to return in a few months. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Janzen to hire Brooke Mueller, Custodian, until Ashley Mullen can return to work. Motion carried 5 – 0.

### **Roundtable**

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

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk