

**City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Monday September 20, 2021
6:30 p.m.**

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

City Staff Present: Joe McCabe, Interim City Administrator/Clerk, Maryellen Suhrhoff, City Attorney.

Others Present: Doug Regehr, Taylor Nesmoe, Scott Pankratz, Andy Evers

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda

Motion by Kruser seconded by Kass, to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Bills: Checks #25300-25345, 745E

Payroll: Checks # 66207-6237

Approve September 9, Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve September 16, Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve September 7, City Council Minutes

Approve September 14, City Council Minutes – Special Meeting

Approve September 13, Lake Commission Minutes

Public

No comments were made

Sanitary Sewer Hookup Request

Andy Evers requested a second sanitary sewer hookup on his property which is outside the city limits. Taylor Nesmoe explained that the Evers would be responsible for a tapping fee and installation of the sanitary sewer line and that the rural rate would be charged. Motion by Kruser, second by Janzen. Motion carried 5-0.

Mountain Lake Band Shell

A quote was presented by Barga, Incorporated to repair the vandalized band shell for \$ 13,975.00. The council was informed that the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust has accepted this quote for insurance coverage purposes and will pay all by \$ 1,000.00 of the quote. Motion by Kass, seconded by Ysker to accept the quote. Motion carried 5-0.

Cottonwood County Highway Department State Aid Agreement.

The annual agreement with Cottonwood County for reimbursement to the City for maintenance of the State Aid Roads within the city limits was presented. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Janzen to approve the contact motion carried 5-0.

Mountain Lake Utilities Commission Bond request.

The Mountain Lake Utilities Commission request to include as part of the General Obligation Refunding Bond 2021A an amount of \$ 1,700,000.00 which will be used to either repair or replace the Fairbanks Generator which is currently inoperable. It was noted that the Commission has currently engaged a firm to draft the plans and specifications for a replacement generator.

Motion by Janzen, seconded by Kruser to include the bond request in the Refunding bond.
Motion carried 5-0.

Ambulance and Fire Hall new building.

Scott Pankratz presented the proposals of Brunton and Short, Elliot and Hendrickson (SEH) for council consideration. He indicated that the building committee is recommending the contract with SEH after visiting with both firms. Motion by Kass, seconded by Janzen to enter into an agreement with SEH with a base amount of \$ 5,000.00 for phase one. Motion carried 3-0-2.

Purchase of Tax Forfeited property from Cottonwood County.

The Lake Commission requested that the council authorize spending up to \$ 1,000.00 at the Cottonwood County tax forfeiture auction for the purchase of Lot 22, Lakeshore Subdivision parcel 11.492.0151, which will be used to store the weed harvester. Motion to approve said request by Kruser, seconded by Kass. Motion carried 5-0.

2022 Proposed Tax Levy

The council reviewed the proposed 2022 tax levy amounts – General Fund \$ 589,941.67, Library Fund \$ 107,484.60, Fire Fund \$ 47,542.72, Ambulance Fund \$ 50,126.50, Lake Commission Fund \$ 6,000.00, Bond Funds \$ 85,763.25 and EDA \$ 16,697.88 for a total proposed tax levy of \$ 903,556.62. A Motion was made by Kruser, seconded by Kass to adopt Resolution 17-21, setting the proposed tax levy of \$ 903,556.62 with the Truth in Taxation hearing set for December 7, 2021, at 6:30 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

New City Administrator/Clerk.

Discussion was held regarding the terms and conditions for the hiring of Michael Mueller as the new city administrator/clerk. A statement will be added to the employment agreement regarding reimbursement for moving expenses. Motion by Janzen, seconded by Ysker to hire Michael Mueller as city administrator/clerk under the terms and conditions set forth in the Employment Agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney

Maryellen reviewed the progress which is being made regarding updating the changes being made with the court system which will allow the city to proceed with fining residents in violation of the city ordinances. She also indicated that she would have the necessary papers served on residents that are in violation of the ordinance by operating a business in a residential area in violation of the city ordinances.

The council requested that Chief Bristol appear at the next council meeting to go over the procedure which is being used by the Police Department regarding enforcement of violation of the city ordinance relating to vehicles and structures.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Joe McCabe, Interim City Administrator