

**City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Tuesday, September 3, 2024
5:45 p.m.**

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

Members Absent: Bryan Bargen

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator

Others Present: Doug Regehr, Deanna Anderson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 5:45 p.m.

Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda

Motion by Janzen, seconded by Kruser to add Weed Harvester and Summer Rec to the agenda. Motion carried 4 – 0. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Ysker to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Bills: Checks # 28568-28645, 1120E-1135E

Payroll: Checks #68228-68283

Approve June 11 Library Board Minutes & June & July Expenditures/Report

Approve July 8 Lake Commission Minutes

Approve July 22 EDA Minutes

Approve July 25 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve August 5 City Council Minutes

Approve August 8 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve Resolution #12-24 Unpaid Utility Charges

Public

Mountain Lake Sportsman Club spoke during the public comment section of the meeting.

Street Department

The City Park renovations were discussed and plans to update the shelter house. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Ysker to approve the renovations for the shelter house posts, replacing the north and west wall, and updating electrical and lighting. Motion carried 4 – 0.

2025 Budget

The 2025 budget was reviewed. The 2025 preliminary levy is set at a 5% increase. No action was taken.

City Administrator

- Discussion/Action – Assessment Policy
- Discussion/Action – Ambulance Mutual Aid Request
- Discussion/Action – Employee Recognition Program
- Discussion/Action – Tiny Homes
- Discussion/Action – Weed Harvester
- Discussion/Action – Summer Rec

The Special Assessment Policy was reviewed. Motion by Janzen, seconded by Ysker to approve the Assessment Policy. Motion carried 4 – 0.

The City of St James sent a Mutual Aid Agreement to the City of Mountain Lake and the City of Madelia. This agreement would be between the three cities to assist each other during periods of scheduling difficulties if one party is unable to staff an ambulance crew. The council agreed that further review was necessary and input from our ambulance was needed before a decision was made.

The employee recognition program was reviewed, it was determined that the City Administrator should use their discretion and authority to purchase retirement “gifts” within the budget.

The council had no concerns with tiny homes in Mountain Lake, with lot sizes, size of the house, or setbacks. Council would like to be consistent with the setbacks for all dwellings and to follow MN Building Code.

Motion by Janzen, seconded by Ysker to donate the old weed harvester to Bingham Lake Board. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Summer Rec was tabled. No action was taken.

Roundtable

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

Adjourn

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

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk