

**City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Tuesday, September 5, 2023
6:30 p.m. – Redevelopment Project & TIF 2-2 Public Hearing
6:30 p.m. – Hotel Abatement Public Hearing
6:30 p.m. - Regular City Council Meeting**

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; Rod Hamilton EDA Director; Emily Kunkel Ambulance Director; Dave Watkins Electric Superintendent

Others Present: Sue Garloff, Tom Appel, Doug Regehr, Cheryl Hiebert

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 Bargen to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

Bills: Checks # 27476-27557, 944E-955E
Payroll: Checks #67508 – 67560
Approve July 10 Lake Commission Minutes
Approve July 17 EDA Minutes
Approve July 27 Utilities Commission Minutes
Approve August 7 City Council Minutes
Approve August 10 Utilities Commission Minutes
Approve August Street Department Report
Approve \$9,322.88 Transfer to Police Savings
Approve \$39,532.85 Transfer to Street Department Savings
Hire Noelle Henning & Rogacion Martinez, EMT
Hire Andrew Kinnetz, Part Time Police Officer, effective August 19, 2023
Approve Resolution #25-23 \$10,000 Fire Relief Donation
Approve Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging (MNRAAA) \$10,000 Grant
Approve Resolution #26-23 Grant Navigation Support
Approve Resolution #27-23 Good Sam Raffle

Public

Doug Regehr spoke during the public comment section of the meeting.

Public Hearing for TIF 2-2 & Abatement for Hotel

Motion by Ysker, seconded by Kruser to close the meeting and open the public hearing. Motion carried 5 – 0. Motion by Bargaen, seconded by Janzen to close the public hearing and open the meeting. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Economic Development Authority- Redevelopment Project & TIF 2-2

Motion by Bargaen, seconded by Ysker to approve Resolution # 22-23 – TIF 2-2. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Economic Development Authority- Abatement for Hotel

Motion by Kruser, seconded by Janzen to approve Resolution # 23-23 – Abatement for Hotel. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Ambulance

Emily Kunkel Ambulance Director proposed Ambulance price increases, please see Attachment A. Motion by Janzen, seconded by Bargaen to approve the ambulance price increases as proposed, effective 1/1/2024. Motion carried 3 – 0. Kruser and Ysker abstained.

Street Department

The City did not receive any sealed bids for the 1989 Ford L8000. The City will either work with Mountain Lake Automotive to sell the vehicle or lower the price and publish it for sale less than \$10,000.

The City Council decided to not continue the sidewalk on 412 7th Street.

Chamber of Commerce

Cheryl Hiebert and Sue Garloff discussed the concerns with the concrete edging that was installed in Memory Park and considered the options to rectify the situation.

2024 Budget & Levy

The council reviewed the preliminary 2024 levy and budget. General Fund \$607,749.12; Library Fund \$143,430.63; Fire Fund \$28,923.67; Ambulance Fund \$45,673.64; Emergency Services Fund (New Fire/Ambulance Hall) \$35,000; Lake Commission Fund \$7,450.00; Bond Funds \$132,052.50 and EDA \$23,500 for a total proposed tax levy of \$1,023,779.56. The 2024 preliminary levy is set at a 4.9% increase from last year's levy of \$975,526.69. Motion by Janzen, seconded by Ysker to approve Resolution # 24-23 - 2024 Preliminary Levy. Motion carried 5 – 0. The Truth in Taxation hearing is set for December 5, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

City Attorney

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

City Administrator

Provided an update on the City's health insurance plan and will be discussing potential plan changes with the employees before bringing it back to Council if there's any changes or requests.

Roundtable

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

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk