Regular Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall
Monday, April 1, 2019
6:30 p.m.

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

MembersAbsent: None

City Staff Present: Michael Schulte, City Administrator/Clerk; Maryellen Suhrhoff, City Attorney; Rick Oeltjenbruns, Street Superintendent

Others Present: Deanna Anderson, Observer/Advocate; Gloria McKissick, Marjorie Christianson, Paul Christianson, Doug Regehr, Allen Rahn, Rachel Yoder

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 Savage, to add 5.B Resolution #8-19 and 6.D Water/Wastewater Foreman to the agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Kass, seconded by Kruser, to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Bills: Checks #22281 – 22315
Payroll: Checks #64510 – 64525
Approval of March 21 City Council Minutes
Approval of 2019 Pow Wow Request for Street Closings
Approval of LG220 Application for Exempt Permit

Public
No one spoke during this portion of the meeting.

City Attorney
City Attorney Suhrhoff gave a brief update on various tasks she has been working on including the wastewater project and criminal prosecutions.

Hiebert Greenhouse Property
City Attorney Suhrhoff explained the work completed by her and Building Inspector Steve Carson regarding the greenhouse property on the east end of the city. The building inspector and city attorney have been unable to motivate the record owners/parties of interest to make any repairs or remove the buildings. On February 8, 2019 the building official made an initial
inspection of the exterior of all the buildings from the road to get a list of all the needed repairs. On February 15, 2019 the City Attorney drafted a 30-day letter and mailed it to the officers of the corporation requesting communication with her in reference to this matter. It has been over 30 days and the city has not received any communication from the owner of record or its attorney. The buildings continue to deteriorate and be a safety and health risk to the public. The Building Official inspected the property on March 29, 2019 and no progress has been made. Marjorie Christianson and Paul Christianson asked questions to the city attorney regarding how they were contacted. Paul Christianson stated that he would need more time to repair and explained various tasks that could be completed. Paul does not want to sell or have a long-term lease. Mayor Nelson and Councilmember Savage explained the complaints they have been receiving about the conditions of the greenhouses and how this property needs to meet standards just as other residents in the city must abide by. History of the corporation, state statutes, conditions of the buildings, and potential options were discussed. Discussion ensued to pass the hazardous building resolution but to hold a meeting with the Christianson’s, the building inspector, the city attorney, and the city administrator to discuss further.

**Resolution #8-19 – Ordering the Repair or Removal of a Hazardous Building**
Motion by Savage, seconded by Kruser, to approve Resolution #8-19. Motion carried.

**First Reading – Ordinance #3-19 – Amending Chapter 12: Right-of-Way Management**
City Administrator Schulte explained the various additions and amendments to Chapter 12. The FCC and the state of Minnesota continue to amend and change regulations regarding small cells in the public right-of-way. The amendments provide more specific information on the application process, insurance coverage, and restrictions.

**Excavation/Obstruction/Small Cell Permit**
The presented permit application will be used for any applicants wishing to excavate, obstruct, or install a small cell in the public right-of-way. Discussion ensued on how much of a permit fee to apply to the application. Other planning and zoning permits are around $100. Direction was given to include language in Ordinance #3-19 to apply a $100 permit fee.

**2019 Q1 Revenue & Expenses**
Quarter 1 revenue and expenses were reviewed.

**Water/Wastewater Foreman**
The Water/Wastewater Foreman interview committee decided to offer the Water/Wastewater Foreman position to Taylor Nesmoe. Nesmoe will have 30 days as a trial period in the position and can elect to return to his former position within the 30 days per union policy. The city council will either confirm Nesmoe to proceed in the position or reposition Nesmoe back to his former position once the 30 days conclude per union policy. Motion by Ysker, seconded by
Savage, to transfer Taylor Nesmoe to Water/Wastewater Foreman beginning on April 2, 2019. Motion carried.

Coffee with the Council
Councilmembers Kruser and Ysker attended the event. Topics discussed included the downtown EDA housing project, Sunday liquor licensing, alcohol permits, and the additional provisions with the purchase agreement with Casey’s at the new commercial park. Future Coffee with the Council events were discussed. There has been low attendance at the past few events. Direction was given to the city administrator to create a survey asking residents the best way to connect with councilmembers and to research Sunday liquor license laws and ordinances.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Approved April 15, 2019

ATTEST:

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Michael Schulte, Administrator/Clerk