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Regular Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall
Monday, May 7, 2018
6:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Andrew Ysker

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

Others Present: Doug Regehr, Karen Stoesz

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 Savage, seconded by Kass, to add item 10b. Fire Hall Usage to the agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Savage, seconded by Kruser to adopt the agenda as amended and approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

- a. Bills: check #21113 - 21166, 537E – 543E, Payroll #63846 – 63861
- b. Approval of April 16 and April 23 City Council Minutes
- c. Approval of April 12 Utility Commission Minutes
- d. Approval of March 9 and March 21 Economic Development Authority Minutes
- e. Approval of January 29 Planning & Zoning Minutes
- f. Approval of Pow Wow Street Closing
- g. Approval of Submitting a Downtown Christmas Lighting Grant Application for \$3070 to the Mountain Lake Area Foundation on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce
- h. Approval of Submitting DNR Grant for \$10,506 on behalf of the Mountain Lake Fire Department

Approval of Signatures Transferring Property from the City to the Economic Development Authority

Rob Anderson, EDA Director, spoke on the warranty deed prepared by David F. Jungas and the background of the property. Motion by Kass, seconded by Kruser to approve the limited warranty deed. Motion carried.

Resolution #13-18 Calling for a Public Hearing on Proposed Property Tax Abatement

It is a legal requirement that the City hold a public hearing prior to adoption of a resolution granting any property tax abatements. Motion by Savage, seconded by Kruser, to adopt Resolution #13-18 calling for a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2018. Motion carried.

Public

Karen Stoesz gave an update on the Highway 60 Concerned Citizens meeting at the high school. 78 people showed up and the group has a petition with over 103 signatures opposing the J-Turns. The group would like to have a booth during Pow Wow to educate citizens and receive more signatures. Stoesz was concerned that MNDOT has not given a definite no to the project and would like to keep the pressure on to oppose the project as time goes on. The council thanked Stoesz for the update and then suggested speaking with Tabitha Garloff from the EDA/Chamber to seek options regarding a booth during Pow Wow.

Public Hearing, Variance, PIN 22.353.0040

Nelson opened the public hearing at 6:42 p.m. No one present addressed the council. Mountain Lake Public Schools wants to construct an 18 foot wide by 51 feet long attached storage structure on the north side of the gymnasium/auditorium. Structure will have a side wall of eight (8) feet, eight (8) inches and a peak of slightly more than the side wall height. The Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed the petitions and documentation and has recommended that the variance be granted. The public hearing closed at 6:48 p.m. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Kass, to adopt Resolution #12-18 Approving a Variance from Setback Regulations of Parcel Identification Number 22.353.0040. Motion carried.

Street Department

Rick Oeltjenbruns, Street Superintendent, discussed the department's budget and dust control. The council agreed to apply the same streets as last year. The department's lawn mowers were then discussed. Oeltjenbruns gave a report on lawn mower hours, where they are used, the warranties on each, the current values, and discussed their usage across various departments. Motion by Kass, seconded by Savage, to trade in two mowers and purchase two new mowers for the Street Department. Motion carried by majority. Kruser voted against.

Approval to Update United Prairie Bank Signature Cards

Motion by Savage, seconded by Kruser, to approve United Prairie Bank signature cards. Motion carried.

City Attorney

A copy of the Employment Agreement between the City of Mountain Lake and Michael Schulte was given to Michael Schulte, City Administrator/Clerk, to be reviewed and signed.

Fire Hall Usage

It was brought to the attention of the council that an ambulance crew member is using city property space for personal business. Maryellen Suhrhoff, City Attorney, agreed to write up a letter for the council to approve to notify the individual of the policy violation and give different location options to the individual to conduct their personal business.

City Administrator

Michael Schulte gave a first week report and update on city hall operations and notified the city council of a thank you note received from Cornerstone Bible Church.

Adjourn

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

ATTEST:

Michael Schulte, Clerk/Administrator