# CITY OF MT. MORRIS CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING July 22, 2013

At <b>6:30 p.m.</b> , Mayor Dan Lavelle called the Regular Council Meeting to order.		
PRESENT:	Dan Lavelle Dennis Heidenfeldt Randy Michaels Mark Middleton Ed Sullivan Judd Judkins	
ABSENT:	Tonya Davis	
OTHERS:	City Manager Tom Darnell, City Attorney Charles Forrest, Fire Chief Damon Tobias, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Vogt, and City Clerk Tema Lucero.	
The Pledge of Allegiance.		
	made by Council member Middleton seconded by Council member Michaels to approve the regular meeting held on July 8, 2013.	
All Ayes Motion carried.		
COMMUNICATIONS:  Mayor Lavelle read the proclamation for Amy Sue Roache-Fedchenko.		
APPROVAL	OF WARRANT:	
	made by Council member Middleton and seconded by Council member Heidenfeldt to approve 15 in the amount of \$160,942.00.	
Council mem	ber Heidenfeldt asked if the warrant was the last of last years bills.	
City Manager Tom Darnell answered he believes there are a few more still to come. He thinks we have up to 60 days to pay on prior years bills.		
Roll Call:	6Ayes0Nay1Absent (Davis)	

Motion carried.

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### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

John Fedejelem – 604 Walnut – Wondered what the status of the railroad crossing arms are.

City Manager Tom Darnell said they were working on it. It's taking longer than we thought but the crew is the same crew that works on all of them so they do it when they can.

Dorothy Lindsey – 423 Spruce – Asked about resolution 13-37, it states that if DPW does some of the work they will take off \$750. Can the DPW do it for less? If not then we should have Rowe do the work.

City Manager Tom Darnell said that the DPW has most of the information already; they will make sure it can be done for the \$750; otherwise they'll continue with the estimate.

Robert Moore – 1045 Howard – Has a concern with fireworks going off at 4 in the morning. He wants to know if anything can be done.

Mayor Lavelle said if he knows who is doing it he can call 9-1-1. The noise ordinance will cover if it's not the day before, the day of and the day after a national holiday.

William Lawrence – 326 Spruce – Regarding the cat issue the neighbor did receive a ticket and nothing has changed the cats are still running loose. Also has a problem with her kids on their bikes being a nuisance.

City Manager Tom Darnell said writing the ticket is really just the beginning of the process. It will take time to see it through.

Mayor Lavelle said they were hoping once she received the ticket it would force her to resolve the issue. If she hasn't done anything she will have to go to court.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

\_\_\_\_6\_\_\_Ayes

No Unfinished Business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Roll Call:

**a. RESOLUTION 13-37:** Authorization for ROWE Engineering to complete the Water System Reliability Study.

A motion was made by Council member Michaels and seconded by Council member Heidenfeldt to approve
RESOLUTION 13-37: Authorization for ROWE Engineering to complete the Water System Reliability Study.

\_\_\_0\_\_Nay

1 Absent

(Davis)

Motion carried. Council Minutes July 08, 2013 Page Three

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Lillian Bigelow – 381 Oak – When we do the budget do we base it on what revenue we think we will get in taxes or what we actually get.

City Manager Tom Darnell answered it's a projected number. For the delinquent taxes the county pays them off and then overtime deducts an amount if they don't collect the money. We usually come fairly close to what is projected.

Sandy Fedejelem – 604 Walnut – How many years do you have to be behind before the city takes a house.

Mayor Lavelle answered the city does not take it; the county does after 3 years.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER AND STAFF COMMENTS:**

Council member Michaels said August 10<sup>th</sup> is Dancing in the Streets he hopes to see everyone down there.

Council member Heidenfeldt said he handed out the press release for 9-1-1 regarding they will start direct ambulance dispatching September 9<sup>th</sup>. He also handed out information regarding the fireworks ordinance; he would like to see a discussion on the next agenda. He would also like more information about rental inspections and have Gerry Hall at the meeting to answer questions. He thanked Council member Judson for coming through for the Fire Department and donating a chainsaw.

Council member Judson mentioned the new website is up and it's updated and looks great.

Council member Sullivan has had the opportunity twice in the past month to work with the Fire and Police departments. He hopes everyone realize the value of having them within arms reach. He really appreciates it.

City Attorney Charles Forrest said regarding Dennis' comment on the fireworks it was discussed last July and an ordinance failed. If another ordinance is needed we can do that.

Mayor Lavelle said we will put it on the next agenda for a discussion.

Fire Chief Damon Tobias thanked Council member Judkins and the Clio Eagles for the chainsaw for the Fire Department.

Mayor Dan Lavelle said another reminder August 10<sup>th</sup> is Dancing in the Streets from 11 to 11, anyone that wants to help please get with him.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, the Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Tema J. Lucero, City Clerk	
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