

## MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES ó SEPTEMBER 27, 2010

Call Regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Chris Capaul

PRESENT: Mayor Capaul, Council Members Taylor, Osborn and Oman and Stieve-McPadden

ABSENT:

STAFF: Administrator Murphy, Public Works Jeff Frost, Deputy Chris Nelson and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Nikki Larson, Ivan Raconteur, Paul Malberg, Terry Hartman, Peter Coyle, Cynthia Smith-Strack, Jim Ische and Steve Taylor.

The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION made by Council Member Osborn with a second by Council Member Stieve-McPadden to approve the agenda deleting a candidate's request to appear before the Council and adding discussion as to whether or not to allow candidates time at a Council Meeting. Motion Carried 5/0

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Council Member Taylor with a second by Council Member Osborn to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Motion Carried 5/0.

1. Approve Minutes of the September 13, 2010 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approve Additional Claims for September 2010
3. Approve the Lawful Gambling Report for the Month Ending August 2010
4. Approve the Sheriff Department's Report for the Month ending August 2010

### STAFF REPORTS

- **Public Works** ó Council reviewed report ending September 27, 2010
- **City Engineer** ó The Council reviewed a summary of the projects Bolton & Menk have been working on during the billing period July 9<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- **Sheriff's Department** ó Deputy Nelson reported on a few incidents and reminded all Mayer residents to keep their doors locked and to report anything suspicious.
- **City Administration** – The Council reviewed a report from August 23 ó September 24, 2010 outlining activities by the City Administrator.

### PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON REZONE

Cynthia Smith-Strack of Municipal Development Group, Inc. appeared before the Council to explain the process to date and to answer any questions about the re-zoning needed to be consistent with the 2007 Comprehensive Plan Update to the Metropolitan Council. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on September 7, 2010 and recommended approval of the revised official zoning map. The changes were reviewed. A MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Oman to approve the revised official zoning map as presented. Motion Carried 5/0

## CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. **Discussion on Allowing Candidates to Appear Before the Council** ó A Council Member had asked that the Council discuss whether or not candidates are allowed to request to come and be on the City Council Agenda. They discussed if there would be a better venue for candidates to introduce themselves and their platform other than taking up time at a Council meeting. It was decided to develop questions and a format at a work session on October 11<sup>th</sup> to and to invite both Sheriff Candidates to the October 25, 2010 Council meeting.
2. **Approval of Ordinance #169 Snowmobiles** – The Mayor and City Staff had met with the local Snowmobile Club to compile a draft ordinance to address snowmobiling in the City of Mayer. The draft was then sent to the City Attorney to be finalized. The final draft has been approved by the Snowmobile Club and is now being presented for approval. The Ordinance was modeled after the Watertown City Ordinance. Discussion included that the Council could review the Ordinance in the spring to see if anything had been omitted. The Council made several changes to the Ordinance.
  - A MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Osborn to edit (7) to reflect that the speed limit be 15 miles per hour on City streets and on that part of the Dakota Regional Rail Trail within the limits of the City. Motion Carried 4/1 (Capaul).
  - A MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden to edit (6) by striking the portion “without the express provision or permission to do so by the proper authorities.” Motion Carried 5/0.
  - A MOTION was made by Mayor Capaul and seconded by Council Member Oman to edit (11) by striking the portion “when required for safety.” Motion Carried 5/0.
  - A MOTION was then made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden to approve Ordinance #169 Snowmobiles with approved changes. Motion Carried 5/0
3. **Carver County Fiber Optic Ring Update** – County Commissioner Jim Ische and Administrative Services Division Director Steve Taylor were present to update the Council on the County fiber optic project. They explained the process to date. The County was not successful with the first grant application for the project, but did receive a 6 million dollar grant from the Federal government in 2010. The County match will be \$1,500,000. This amount is expected to be paid back in five years due to cost savings. Laterals to Cities and equipment will be paid for with grant dollars. It is estimated however that lateral maintenance costs will be \$800 - \$1,200 per mile per year which would be our responsibility. An Environmental Assessment and a Joint Powers Agreement is still needed before the spring of 2011 construction start. The 89 mile base ring will be installed in the ROW and construction is expected to take 18 months to 2 years. This fiber optic installation is expected to provide better service than we have today and will cost less. The County is very excited about this project. It should make rural areas and small Cities competitive with the Twin Cities and will help Economic Development.
4. **Request for Carver County to Place a Library Book Drop at the Community Center-** City Staff has had a request to place a library book drop at the Mayer Community Center. Staff has discussed the request with the County Library Director. Discussion included whether this is a service the City should provide and whether the drop should be placed inside or outside the Community Center. Funds would need to be found to facilitate this request either at the County or City level. The Council discussed the issue. They were generally in favor of adding a Book Drop. The City Administrator will continue to work with the Library Director on the matter.
5. **Approval of the 2011 Carver County Sheriff’s Contract** – The 2011 Carver County Sheriff’s contract was reviewed. There are no changes from the 2010 contract. The City will contract for

130 hours of CSO services at the hourly rate of \$28.18 for an amount of \$3,664. The City will contract for .77 or 1602 hours per year for the Liaison corporal. Total amount for the 2011 Contract is \$85,867.00. The City had budgeted \$89,525 for 2011. A MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Taylor to approve the 2011 Carver County Sheriff's Contract as presented. Motion Carried 5/0

OTHER BUSINESS

- Council Member Stieve-McPadden put out a request for members to serve on a Parade Committee for the City of Mayer's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coming up in July of 2011.
- Open Houses on bonding for Park Improvements at the Mayer Community Center ó Saturday, October 9, 2010 10:30 a.m. to Noon; Tuesday, October 19, 2010 7:00 ó 8:30 p.m.
- Candidate Forum, Monday, October 18, 2010 7:00 ó 8:30 p.m. at the Mayer Community Center

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Oman to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion Carried 5/0

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Chris Capaul, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk