

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES ó JUNE 24, 2013

Call Regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Mike Dodge.

PRESENT: Mayor Dodge, Council Members Osborn, Boder, Lueth and Stieve-McPadden

ABSENT:

STAFF: City Administrator Murphy, City Engineer David Martini and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Ivan Raconteur, Ernie Leidiger, Elizabeth Butterfield, Krista Goedel, Tom Stifter, Alice & Pat Keppel, Tom Muehlberg

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden with a second by Council Member Boder to approve the agenda with the addition of a request to close the City Office on Friday July 5th. Motion Carried 4/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Minnesota Representative Ernie Leidiger appeared before the Council to update them on the Legislative session.

Council Member Osborn arrives.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve the Minutes of the June 10, 2013 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approve the Minutes of the June 10, 2013 Work Session Meeting.
3. Approve the Minutes of the May 14, 2013 Park Board Meeting.
4. Approve the Minutes for the May 21, 2013 EDA Meeting.
5. Approve the Additional Claims for the Month of June 2013
6. Approve Resolution 06-24-2013-25 Acceptance of Donations from Centerpoint Energy.
7. Approve the Sheriff's Department Report for the Month ending May 2013.

STAFF REPORTS

1. **Public Works** ó Council reviewed Jarred Loehrs's monthly report of Public Works activities for the period of May 24 ó June 20, 2013. It was reported that Loehrs spent much of the past weekend dealing with storm related issues.
2. **City Engineer** ó The Council reviewed David Martini's summary of the projects Bolton & Menk have been working on during the billing period April 13 ó May 10, 2013.
3. **Sheriff's Department** ó No Report
4. **City Administration** – The Council reviewed a report from May 28 ó June 21, 2013 outlining activities by the City Administrator. The First Quarter Financial reports were reviewed for the Water, Sewer and General Funds.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. **Sod Damage at 2495 River Bend Trail** – Tom Muehlberg, of 2495 River Bend Trail addressed the Council about the extensive sod damage to his yard as a result of spring snow removal. He reported that he has had damage in the past, but that this is the first time he has complained. His damage was reported to the snow removal contractor, but had not been corrected to his satisfaction. Mr. Muehlberg

had someone come and re-sod his damaged area because he had just had surgery. He would like someone held liable for the poor workmanship. The Council directed Administrator Murphy to contact the snow removal contractor for reimbursement of Mr. Muehlberg's sod repair bill of \$240.00.

2. **Dog Issues at 1309 Drake Cove** ó The resident did not appear ó the matter was tabled.
3. **Amendment to the Personnel Policy on Board and Commission Attendance** – The Council reviewed language that amends the Mayer Personnel Policy as drafted by the City Attorney. After review, the Council made a slight change to the draft. A MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Lueth approving the language and amending the Personnel Policy to include the language as changed. Motion Carried 5/0
4. **Authorization to Purchase Swing Mats** – The Park Board is recommending that the City Council authorize the purchase of 10 mats to be placed under the swings in the parks. Three solicited quotes were obtained. There was discussion about adding mats to the playground slides. It was decided to have the Park Board look at that option for next year. A MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Osborn to purchase 10 mats from Discount Playground at the amount of \$1,446.19. Motion Carried 5//0
5. **Authorization to Purchase Signs** – The Park Board is recommending that the City purchase 5 signs 12ö x 18ö that state: *No Climbing, Throwing or Batting Practice on the Fence*. The cost for the signs is \$40 each for a total of \$200.00 plus tax and shipping. The signs will be placed on the fences in Old Schoolhouse Park. Council Member Osborn would like Staff to contact the County Public Works to get a quote for the signs. A MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Boder approving the purchase of the 5 signs for the park for an amount of up to \$200.00. Motion Carried 5/0
6. **Approval of Rural Service Districts** – The Council made their annual review of the City's Rural Service District. After review, a MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Lueth to approve the RSD with no changes. Motion Carried 5/0
7. **EDA Recommendation on Clark Engineering** ó The EDA has been discussing the future of the Creamery at 113 5th St NW and the possibilities of use. There has been some concern about the soundness of the building and its use. The EDA would like to have a Structural Engineer do a review of the building to assist them in the planning for the use of the building. Staff has solicited quotes and the low quote amount is from Clark Engineering for \$1,650 which is the quote that the EDA is recommending. A MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Boder approving the proposal for a structural condition study for the building at 113 5th St NW with Clark Engineering in the amount of \$1,650. Motion Carried 5/0
8. **EDA Request for Advertising Funds for Car Event** ó Tom Stifter presented an idea of having a Cruising Night in Mayer to the Mayer EDA. He has talked to all of the bars, the Off-Sale Liquor Store and the Mobil Station and all have expressed interest in the event. He has also spoken to the property owners on 2nd Street NW to get their input. So far everyone is in agreement with the idea. The EDA is recommending to the City Council to spend up to \$500 to promote the event that will be on Second Street NW on Tuesday nights May 1st ó October 1st from 5 ó 8 PM and also to be allowed to close 2nd St. NW for the event. He is also asking for power to the site and Volunteers to help park cars. After some discussion, a MOTION was made by Council Member Lueth and seconded by Council Member Boder approving the EDA's request to spend \$500 promoting a Tuesday Night

cruising event, allow them access to power and approving the closing of 2nd St NW for the event.

Motion Carried 5/0

9. **Request to Close City Offices July 5th** Since July 4th is on a Thursday this year, there is a request from City Staff to close on Friday July 5th also. It is anticipated that there will be little to no business conducted that day. A MOTION was made by Council Member Lueth and seconded by Council Member Boder approving the request to close City Offices July 5th. Motion Carried 5/0

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Stieve-McPadden reported that there were many compliments on Field #1 when the Mayer Baseball Blazers played two games last weekend. The City and Staff were complimented on all the work done to the field to get it into good playing form.

OTHER BUSINESS

A resident in attendance reported concerns about excessive noise from certain types of motorcycles. The Sheriff's Office will be notified. Several other noise ordinance questions were addressed.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Osborn to adjourn the meeting at 7:40p.m. Motion Carried 5/0

Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk