

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES ó SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

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

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

ABSENT: Council Member Lueth

STAFF: City Administrator (Murphy) Ruch-Hammond, City Engineer Andrew Budde and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Ivan Raconteur, Nikki McNeilly, Krista Goedel, Gary Hoesel, Paul Karow, Bill & Sandy Drew, Nick Drew, Dan Lipe, and Steve Lipe.

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 Osborn to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried 4/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn with a second by Council Member Stieve-McPadden to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion Carried 4/0.

1. Approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approve the Minutes of the July 7, 2014 Senior Commission Meeting.
3. Approve the Minutes of the August 19, 2014 Park Board Meeting.
4. Approve the Minutes of the July 29, 2014 EDA Meeting.
5. Approve the 2015 Fire Contracts with the Townships.
6. Approve the Additional Claims for the Month of September 2014.
7. Approve the Fire Department Report for the Month Ending August 2014.
8. Approve the Sheriff's Department Report for the Month Ending August 2014.

STAFF REPORTS

1. **Public Works** ó The Council reviewed a report from Kyle Kuntz of Public Works activities from August 22 to September 18, 2014. The Council asked Administrator Ruch-Hammond to make sure Public Works has been able to keep up with mowing now that the summer help is no longer working.
2. **City Engineer** ó The Council reviewed David Martini's summary of the projects Bolton & Menk have been working on during the billing period July 19 ó August 15, 2014.
3. **Sheriff's Department** ó No Report
4. **City Administration** – The Council reviewed a report from August 28 ó September 19, 2014 outlining activities by the City Administrator. The Council was provided an updated Cash Balance Report with the 2013 adjusting journal entries.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

- **Fieldstone Homeowners Association Discussion on Boulevard Trees** ó The Fieldstone Homeowners Association appeared before the Council represented by Gary Hoes. He indicated that there has been some confusion between the Homeowners Association and the City about boulevard trees. The Association's opinion is that the boulevard trees are the City's responsibility to maintain as told to them by the City's Public Works employee last summer. They are looking for dead trees to be replaced and that some agreement is reached so everyone knows who is responsible for boulevard trees moving forward. They also asked that the two remaining dead evergreen trees be removed and not replaced. After further discussion, the matter was tabled for a work session. The City will review policies from other cities and come up with a policy to address boulevard trees in the future. The Administrator will also determine if there is any warranty for the trees in question. The Association was told not to prune back any of the other trees until responsibility is determined.

In another matter, the City will investigate a maintenance issue along one of the paths in the Fieldstone development that was identified as a possible hazard.

- **Discussion on Creamery Property 113 5th St NW** ó The City has received notice from the MN Dept of Revenue about the conditional use deed for the creamery at 113 5th St NW. The City must confirm that the property has been put to the intended use. The City took the property to be able to have additional street right of way and to regain ownership of the well. The City has acquired the street right of way and the well by splitting the property into two parcels. The ROW and well parcel has met the requirement of public use but the parcel containing the building and land is up for discussion with the City Council. The Council discussed Pro's and Con's for keeping the property containing the building and land. The City needs to notify the state by October 12, 2014 one of the following options:
 - *Incorporate the property and its authorized public use into a formal plan.*
 - *Reconvey the property to the State of Minnesota.*
 - *Purchase the property.*

The biggest concern is how much it would cost to tear down and the unknown of hazardous materials in the building. After some discussion, a MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Osborn to reconvey the property back to the State of Minnesota. Motion Carried 4/0

The City will ask whether we can still use the land for the ice rink for the upcoming season. There was also some discussion about saving the dated creamery sign for its historical value since the building does not meet historical criteria.

- **Approval of Recommendation of Park Board on Ice Skating Rink Liner Purchase** ó The Park Board is recommending that the City purchase a 115'X 130' reinforced string liner in the amount of \$1,854.25 including shipping for the ice skating rink. A MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden approving the purchase of the ice skating rink liner as presented. Motion Carried 4/0

CITY ENGINEER

1. **Authorization to Advertise for Bids for the Roundabout** ó Andrew Budde reported that the City has received the final signed plan set and the authorization to advertise the roundabout project from MnDOT. He further advised that School District #111 had no concerns working around the project detour. The Council reviewed the updated dates and timeframes for the contract. He advised the Council that construction projects have seen significant cost increases and that it is a volatile bidding market. The Engineers have set a schedule that is flexible for construction in hoping to get competitive bids. Bid opening is set for October 22nd and the Council could award the contract at their November 10th meeting. The Council still has the option to refuse all bids and to rebid in 2015. A MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Boder approving the advertising of the roundabout project. Motion Carried 4/0

2. **Contract for Construction of Parking Lot at Bluejay Park** - No quotes were received for the construction of a parking lot at Bluejay Park. Contractors are still very busy on their current projects and were not able to commit to completing the work this fall. Concrete work seems to be hard to secure.

The matter was tabled. Administrator Ruch-Hammond will work with Hartmann to see if construction of the parking lot can be partnered with their building project addition of Founderø Square.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Council Stieve-McPadden reported on the EDA and Park Board meetings attended. The Park Board is looking into making the parks more ADA accessible by adding features to one park a year. Stieve-McPadden informed the Council that she is currently taking some independent classes relating to Parks.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

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 7:35 p.m. Motion Carried 4/0

Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk