

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES 6 JANUARY 26, 2015

Call Work Session to order at 8:10 p.m. by Mayor Gerry Thomas

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Council Members Osborn, McNeilly and Stieve-McPadden

ABSENT: Council Member Boder

STAFF: City Administrator Ruch-Hammond, City Engineer David Martini, Public Works Kuntz and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Dewey Prinzing and Shawn Mulhern from KLM Engineering Inc., Rod Maetzold, Andy Maetzold, Todd Meyhoff from Brunton Architects & Engineers.

**1. Discussion on Architect for Fire Station Feasibility Study:**

Todd Meyhoff from Brunton Architects & Engineers of Mankato appeared before the Council to discuss the possibility of finding grants for the City of Mayer to proceed with a feasibility study for the Mayer Fire Department as they look at suitable sites and plans for a future fire station; at no cost to the City. They realize that city budgets have been stretched to their limits, requiring a keen eye for cost conscious design. They have been very successful at providing buildings that meet and exceed the needs of their clients while respecting limited budgets. The feasibility study would include potential yearly expenses and could be put into a CIP over 10 to 15 years to have time for the City to budget for some of the expense. The issue will be put back on the next Council agenda.

**2. Discussion on Sewer and Water Rate Study:**

The Council has discussed the need for a Sewer and Water Rate Study. Administrator Ruch-Hammond secured quotes from Ehlers, Bolton & Menk, Abdo Eick & Meyers and Minnesota Rural Water. The most cost effective method would be to have Minnesota Rural Water do the study which would include them spending an entire day with City Staff reviewing the figures so staff can defend the rates. The matter will be brought back to a Council meeting for action.

**3. Discussion on Annexation and Water and Sewer Improvements:**

The Council reviewed estimated costs associated with the installation of sanitary sewer and water main to the lots addressed 14051 62<sup>nd</sup> Street through 14069 62<sup>nd</sup> Street. These lots are located on a shared private access to the south off of 62<sup>nd</sup> Street. Currently there are 8 individual lots that could be served by the sanitary sewer; 6 of which currently have single family homes. 6 of the 8 lots are currently outside of the City limits, are surrounded by the City and would need to be annexed in prior to being able to assess the project. Due to the high cost of the proposed improvements, the property owners will be invited to come to a work session to discuss the possibilities.

**4. Discussion on Electronic devices for City Council:**

It has been determined that the City already has Wi-Fi at the Community Center but a router is needed after the modem for security. Mayor Thomas asked the Council to give him individual wants and needs so he can spec out possible electronic devices for the City Council.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Gerald W. Thomas, Mayor

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