

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES 6 JANUARY 27, 2014

Call Work Session to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Mike Dodge

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

ABSENT: Council Member Osborn

STAFF: City Administrator Murphy, City Engineers David Martini and Andrew Budde and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Ivan Raconteur, Linnea & Bella Boyd

1. **Discussion on Chicken Ordinance** – The Council continued discussion on the proposed chicken ordinance. Linnea Boyd provided ordinances and other information from Eagan, Burnsville and Farmington. The following items will need to be decided upon before continuing with the ordinance:
  - Accessory Structure (coop) setbacks to be decided.
  - Will an additional coop be allowed if the property owner already has an accessory structure?
  - How to calculate adjacent property owner consent ó what percentage and what distance from the applicant.
  - How to address the applicants that apply when the City knows their subdivision has a protective covenant that restricts animals.
2. **Sharing of Meter Reading Device** – Staff received an email from HD Supply that the City of Watertown is interested in reading our meters. This would be an additional cost to the City of \$1,670 and a monthly fee. The Council will continue to have our own Public Works continue to read the meters at this time.
3. **Finn’s Liquor License** – Finnø have unpaid property taxes from 2012 and 2013. City Council met with them on February 11, 2013 to discuss unpaid taxes. Council told Finnø owners that they wanted to see progress on the taxes. No payments have been made to date. The Council will wait until they apply for their new liquor license. They will be asked to come to the next Council meeting.
4. **Further Clarification on Paperless Device** – Staff provided the Council with a comparison on the iPad to the Microsoft Surface. There was general discussion. It will be put on the next Council agenda for a vote.
5. **Discussion on Votes at City Council (When Council Members Vote No)** – Mayer Dodge wanted the Council to think about whether or not we should be asking why a Council Member votes No on a motion as a way to promote more transparency, especially once we begin taping the Council meetings.
6. **Roundabout/62<sup>nd</sup> Street Discussion** – City Engineer David Martini reported that the layout has been submitted to MnDOT for review and approval. Concurrently, they are working to complete the plans and specifications for the project to stay on schedule for 2014 construction. The following items need to be resolved before plans and specs can be completed:

- *Scope of work on the gravel portion of 62<sup>nd</sup> Street* – It is the Engineer’s recommendation that the surface be paved. The Council must decide to what extent; 24’ wide paving on existing ground, or 32’ face-face urban section. He commented that there could be a triggering event for Mayer Lutheran High School to upgrade the road in the future. The Engineer will confirm the proposed costs for both to be ready at the next Council meeting.
- *Sidewalk/Trail between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and the Roundabout* – It was decided not to add a sidewalk/trail between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and the roundabout at this time.
- *Boulevard between the sidewalk and the Roundabout* – A 5’ boulevard is proposed between the roundabout and the sidewalk. It is anticipated that this area may be difficult to maintain as a lawn. It was decided to use plain concrete for the boulevard area.
- *Landscaping* – The Council would like to eventually see something that would welcome motorists to the City of Mayer in the center of the roundabout, but for now the Engineers were told to keep it simple for the sake of the design.
- *Detour* – The Council would like to see the official detour using County Road 23 and 5<sup>th</sup> Street NW.

7. **Round About Schedule/Open House** – An open house will be held sometime in spring or summer, after the plans are complete.

8. **Compost Site Cleanup New Contractor** – City Staff has been contacted by Carver County Environmental Services about the cleanup of the compost site and will continue to work with the County on securing a new compost operator.

9. **Sheriff’s Contract** – Camden Township has dropped out of the Sheriff’s Contract. The City was contacted about purchasing additional patrol time. Council agrees not to add additional patrol hours at this time.

*Council Stieve-McPadden vacates her chair at this time.*

10. **Discussion on Consultant Fees for Lot Split** – Tice Stieve-McPadden walks the rest of the Council through the chain of events and invoices to date as they relate to the splitting of her parcel. She is questioning if City Consultants were used in excess on this issue and why her surveyor needed to rework the survey four times. After a lengthy discussion, the Council asked her to present a proposal that would be put to vote at the next Council meeting.

CLOSED MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 10:10 p.m.

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Mike Dodge, Mayor

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 Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk