

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES 6 APRIL 28, 2014

Call Work Session to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Mike Dodge

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

ABSENT: Council Member Boder

STAFF: City Administrator (Murphy) Ruch-Hammond, Public Works Kuntz, City Engineers Andrew Budde and David Martini and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz and Ivan Raconteur

1. **Roundabout** – City Engineers Budde and Martini discussed the Roundabout project with the Council. Previously presented cost estimates for the project included the design and construction of the roundabout was estimated at \$903,550 and Mn/DOT awarded the City \$391,000 of funding assistance. Due to several revisions required by the State that were not anticipated and an increase to the overall length of the roadway approaches, the current estimated cost of the roundabout elements are \$1,157,390.

In addition to the base roundabout elements, the City has requested that the following project elements be added:

- *Surfacing of 62nd Street*
- *Watermain extension to provide fire protection for the north side of Mayer Lutheran High School*
- *Design of a decorative lighting alternative*

The Engineers have been working with the property owners on temporary easements. They have also asked Mn/DOT if there is the possibility for additional state funds due to the required revisions. Cost sharing estimates with Mayer Lutheran High School were also reviewed. The project schedule was shared with the Council. Assuming that 100% plans would be submitted to Mn/DOT later this week, it is anticipated that the project can be advertised, bid and constructed later this year.

The Engineers will continue to work on the temporary easements and together with Staff will meet with Mayer Lutheran High School about the increased costs of the project.

2. **Wetland Discussion** – The Wetland Project has been submitted to Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) and the MN Army Corp of Engineers for review. The number of wetland credits appear to be less than first discussed two years ago. The current Board members are concerned that the vegetation won't get established as planned. The goal of this project has always been to have the project cash flow itself through the eventual sale of wetland credits. With this recent discovery of the project may not be as advantageous as first thought. The Engineers will continue to get more information for the Council so future decisions can be made about moving forward with the project.
3. **LMCIT Sign Retroreflectivity** – The League of Minnesota Cities have developed and revised a model policy that will help Cities meet the latest federal and state requirements related to sign retroreflectivity. The policy requires that cities adopt one or more acceptable evaluation methods to assure adequate nighttime visibility of traffic signs.

The City Administrator and Public Works will work on recommendations for a new policy and bring to a future meeting for the Council to review and adopt. These new standards need to be met by June of 2014.

4. **Mail Boxes** – There was some discussion about the disrepair of the mailbox clusters in the developments. Originally put in by the Developers, some have been kept up by their owners while others are in need of repair. Questions were raised as to how to address the upkeep of the mailbox clusters. Homes that have been built in the Hidden Creek Development in the past couple years do not have clustered mailboxes due to the fact that the developer no longer has control. The Administrator will contact the Post Office to see what requirements are needed.
5. **Snow Removal Contract** – The current Snow Removal contract was discussed as well as any changes the Council would like to see to the contract. The City has until June 15th to terminate the contract with Molnau for the coming year. It was reported that the sod damage has been taken care of to date. The matter will be brought back to a Council meeting for a vote.
6. **Snowplowing and Ice Control Policy** – The League of Minnesota Cities has updated its model Snowplowing and Ice Control Policy. The Council would like to see both the LMC and the City of Mayer's policies side by side for their comparison and brought back for further discussion.
7. **Council Training** – Staff asked the Council for ideas for continued Council Training, possibly including all Boards and Commissions as in the past.
8. **Park Board Interviews** – It was reported that the Park Board Commission will be conducting interviews for the one open position on the Park Board.
9. **City Wide Cleanup 2015** – The question was raised to have the 2015 City Wide cleanup (typically held the last Saturday in April) after the City Wide garage sale which is held the third weekend in May. Because of the Memorial Day weekend, the first weekend available for cleanup would be the 1st weekend in June. Most Council Members felt that holding the cleanup in June would be too late for most that are looking to get ready for graduations etc.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk