

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES 6 JUNE 10, 2013

Call Work Session to order at 6:55 p.m. by Mayor Mike Dodge

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

ABSENT: Council Member Osborn

STAFF: City Administrator Murphy and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Ivan Raconteur, Brad Quaas, Julie Jedlicki, Francis Condon and Bert Alexander.

1. **Security Bank – Discussion on Hook Up Fees** – Security Bank now owns the remainder of Sunset Meadows and has requested to have the discussion with the City about reducing hookup fees by \$1000 each. They have had several contractors look at the project only to decline when they crunch the numbers. There are 28 lots left to be developed which would equal a reduction of \$56,000 on WAC/SAC fees. Administrator Murphy reported that the last sewer expense report revealed that the SAC should actually be \$6,166. The City has levied between \$380,000-\$390,000 for debt on the sewer plant in the past years. The Taxpayers have been paying for infrastructure that developers should have been paying. The Council is not in favor of reducing hookup fees. They would be willing to have the EDA look at other options including the reduced building permit fee as was implemented in 2012. The EDA will meet June 18th at 6:30 pm.
2. **Evaluation of Contract and Consultants** – It was decided to begin keeping files on contracts, contractors and consultants to gather data on projects past and present which will also give us information for future projects.
3. **Communications Workshop** – It was determined that the Communications Workshops will continue in the fall.
4. **Sheriff's Contract** – Currently most hours are worked during the day when the most calls for service occur according to the 2013 contract. Some of the Council would like to see more nighttime hours worked. They would like to see changes to the 2014 contract reflecting more flex hours but are unsure whether their union would allow. Administrator Murphy will have a discussion with the Commander to see what other options exist.
5. **Fire Truck** – Discussions have begun on what triggers the need for replacement of the 1987 engine as it keeps being pushed back in the CIP.
6. **Snow Plowing Contract** – There was general discussion on the past season's snow plowing. The current contract will be given to the City Attorney for his opinion.
7. **Council Meeting Video Taping** – Videotaping costs from the City of Belle Plaine were reviewed. While thinking the costs were rather high, Mayor Dodge would like to see Mayer keep up with the times. Administrator Murphy will contact the high schools and ZTS Productions to see if there are other methods to get Council meetings taped and on the City's website so everyone has opportunity to view.
8. **Bond Refunding** – The Council viewed a Bond Refunding report from Ehlers and Associates. They will be asked to attend a Council meeting to explain further.
9. **Investments** – There was discussion about investing some of the city funds on a ladder approach. The City currently has \$1,500,000 in savings earning only .23%. Edward Jones proposes a one year CD at .40%; two year CD at .50% and 3 year CD at .75%. The Council generally agrees with the ladder approach. \$600,000 will be invested.

10. **Second Street Discussion** – 2nd Street NW will be added to the work session that the Council will have on street repairs.

11. **National Night Out August 6, 2013** – Deputy Jake Hodge would like to see the City participate in National Night August 6th. Plans are underway to hold the event in the Mayer Community Center parking lot.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk