

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES 6 JUNE 24, 2013

Call Work Session to order at 7:40 p.m. by Mayor Mike Dodge

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

ABSENT:

STAFF: City Administrator Murphy, City Engineer David Martini and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Ivan Raconteur, Alice & Patrick Keppel, Elizabeth Butterfield, Krista Goedel, Kristi Osborn, Chad Bloom.

1. **Pond at Hidden Creek Boulevard and Highway 25** – Patrick & Alice Keppel appeared before the Council with pictures of green algae on the storm water pond behind their residence at 1104 Apple Circle. There were also pictures of a dead rodent floating in the algae. The City Engineer did not have a good answer to their problem. He explained that the pond is doing its job of collecting nutrients and restricting flow. The flow is being restricted through this pond until the master storm water plan can be completed through the City. The Engineer will do some research and bring back some ideas and solutions to the next Council meeting.
2. **Park Board Joint Session to Discuss Park Restrooms** – Members of the Park Board were in attendance at the request of Council Member Lueth to continue discussion about restrooms in Old Schoolhouse Park. There were concerns that the chosen location may not be best option. The Park Board reported that they are currently looking into Grant options. A larger project may be needed to apply for a Grant that could include an adjoining picnic shelter to the restrooms. The Park Board is just asking for restrooms in the most heavily used park in the City. Council Member Lueth does not like the idea of the Public Works building in the middle of the City's Flagship Park, citing it dangerous. He would like the Public Works building to be moved, and the current structure turned into a park shelter. Mayor Dodge thinks it is a disservice not to have restrooms in the Park. Council Member Boder has heard from residents that they don't want the restrooms. Until the support for restrooms, Boder will continue to vote no. He added that there have been two no votes to date by the Council. The Park Board wants to know what they should work on next. They currently have started collecting signatures on a petition in support of the restrooms. Mayor Dodge does not support petitions to accompany every request. If a petition is brought forward, it would come back as an informational item.
3. **Transportation:**
 - *West Side Project (2nd, 3rd, 4th 5th and Canary Street)* – The Council revisited the Westside Project – streets west of Ash Ave N. The Engineer had compiled an estimate a couple years ago regarding improvements. Assessments were an issue in the past. The poor condition of streets was discussed in general. The alley is also a concern. A suggestion to change the Assessment Policy to include alleys was introduced. Mayor Dodge has been approached by a 2nd St NW resident about the poor condition of that street west of Bluejay and asked when they could expect repairs. There was discussion as to how much life the City could expect if these streets were just milled and overlaid. Staff will move forward and begin gathering information.
 - *Completion of 62nd Street* – The Council needs to decide what to do with the short section of 62nd St east of the proposed roundabout. There are three options: 1) leave it gravel; 2)

improve it with pavement ó no curb, similar to 9th St SW (70th St); 3) improve it to City standards with curb. No one was in favor of leaving it gravel. The City Engineer was directed to get cost estimates. Parking along this stretch of road was discussed. The Engineer has begun refining layouts and has been meeting with property owners concerning the proposed roundabout.

4. **Wetland Issues** –

- Joel Vinkemeier has come back to the City with changes to the Agreement for Restoration of Wetlands as part of the Wetland Project. The City is not comfortable guaranteeing additional wetland credits.
- Milan Stender is requesting Mayer Lutheran High School to clean out the waterway east of Stender's property which has filled up with cattails etc. and prevents the water from flowing to the south culvert. The water has been diverted to the north culvert and is flowing overland. The City Engineer is working with Stender and Mayer LHS on this issue.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk