

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES 6 JULY 28, 2014

Call Work Session to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Mike Dodge

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

ABSENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Starla Cray

1. **Discussion on Water Shut Off Valves** – Public Works Kyle Kuntz wanted to discuss residents' requests to lower shut off valves on their property. Should it be the City's responsibility? The Homeowner's responsibility for the line is to the curb stop. There was a suggestion to charge for repairs. The City would not want the homeowner to just pound it down which could result in a water line break. The matter will be reviewed and brought back to a Council meeting with estimates for labor and parts.
2. **General Fund Budget** – There was continued discussion from the July 21st Budget meeting about the General Fund Budget. The Council would like to see \$100,000 cut from the budget. Thoughts were to take the Public Works vehicle out of the 2015 budget and shift it to Fund 435. The Park budget was dropped \$20,000 due to an adjustment of cost for a sand volleyball court. The budget will be sent back to the departments for further cut recommendations.

The Council considered the idea of lowering the debt levy according to previous or current year's building permits. Salary increases were also discussed and should be considered in the budget.

It was decided that the Budget meeting set for August 4th will not be needed. If Market Values are delivered before August 18th, the Council may still want to meet for further review of the budget.

The Public Works truck purchase will be brought back to the next Council meeting for approval to get bids.

3. **Ordinance Enforcement** – Council Member Osborn wanted to discuss Ordinance Enforcement. He would like the City to be pro-active; telling authorities what we consider to be "priorities" to enforce. Administrator Ruch-Hammond suggested a form that would serve as a paper trail for ordinance violations. The City could address these concerns at contract time.
4. **Public Works Facility** – The Council discussed the future of our Parks, preparing for the future of Public Works and discussion as to how to budget for it. The Council speculated what would force the move of Public Works. All were asked to keep this discussion in their minds and to continue this discussion year to year.
5. **Review of Noise Ordinance** – Council Member Boder had requested further discussion on the Noise Ordinance. The thought was to exclude the C/I district from the Noise Ordinance. The matter will be sent back to the Planning Commission if applicable. Further discussion will be pushed back until after budgets are complete.

6. **Benefit for Wrap of City Events** – Mayor Dodge asked if there would be a benefit to having a wrap up of City events such as Mayer Moxie, the 5K or the Mayer Rising Community Festival. His thinking that good communications with an After Action Plan would engage more Community involvement. The Council was asked to give the suggestion some thought.

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