

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES 6 AUGUST 25, 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, Ivan Raconteur, Bill Drew, Nikki McNeilly and Krista Goedel

1. **Review of 2015 Budget** – The Council reviewed the 2015 budget revenues and expenses. The property tax rate history and the history of the general fund departments for the past three years were also reviewed. The Council discussed only using \$160,000 of the \$296,482 2015 LGA for budget purposes. This would set the tax levy at \$1,048,963 and the tax rate at 63.49. At this point in the process the City may reduce the levy but not increase it. The Council may determine to capture more of the LGA in December when we finalize the levy.
2. **Lighting Discussion for Roundabout** – Xcel has provided the City with an estimate for roundabout lighting for installation and monthly street light rate. City Engineer Andrew Budde explained that both MnDOT specified cobra lighting as well as decorative lighting same as the downtown area of Mayer have been specified and should be left in the bid documents. The Xcel estimate would give the City another option they could choose at the time the bid is awarded.
3. **113 5th St NW Tax Forfeited land** – The City has received a letter from the Minnesota Department of Revenue concerning the tax forfeited land at 113 5th St NW that the City of Mayer applied for and received a conditional use deed for. They want the City to confirm that the land has been put to its intended use and gave options if it has not. They are requesting a response within 60 days. The Council would like the EDA to weigh in and recommend a response to the Council.
4. **Proposed Parking Lot at Bluejay Park** – The question was brought up as to whether or not a sidewalk could be installed next the proposed parking lot at Bluejay Park. The City Engineer will review and provide an option for a sidewalk next to the parking spaces as part of the Scope of Services and fee estimate of \$3,800.00.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk