

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES 6 SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

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

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

ABSENT: Council Member Lueth

STAFF: City Administrator (Murphy) Ruch-Hammond, City Engineer Andrew Budde and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Ivan Raconteur, Nikki McNeilly, Krista Goedel, Bill & Sandy Drew, Nick Drew, Dan Lipe and Steve Lipe.

1. **Discussion on Sanitary Sewer Hook Up for Resident at 14067 62<sup>nd</sup> Street** – The homeowner at 14067 62<sup>nd</sup> Street would like to hook into the City's sewer system. The Council discussed the possibility of the property owner hooking into the Bill Drew sewer which would be a separate agreement between the property owners or the City annexing in the island of properties still in Waconia Township and providing them sewer and water service. The City Engineer has determined that the Drew sewer would be able to handle one more property. If the City takes on the entire project, they would need right of way for the utility easement. The Council decided that they owe it to the homeowners to re-look at connecting all and annexing them into the City and to have the Engineer get estimates for the project.
2. **Dangerous Dog Ordinance** – Carver County is requesting that all Cities in the County adopt the County's Dangerous Dog Ordinance. This would make it easier for the County to enforce and to prosecute any cases. The Council agreed and Administrator Ruch-Hammond will prepare necessary ordinance revisions.
3. **Discussion on Splash Pads** – The Park Board would like more details about what the Council's expectations are for splash pads since the comment was made at a recent budget meeting that the Park Board could look into the possibility of incorporating a splash pad into the park system since pools are cost prohibitive. Mayor Dodge suggested that the Council needed more information about them; but further responded that the roles of the Park Board and Council are not in sync. The Park Board should be coming to the Council with recommendations and not the other way around. It was suggested that a joint Park Board and Council meeting be scheduled after the election to help mend and rebuild their relationship, and that Park Board and Council goals can be meshed.
4. **Discussion on Fire Department Lot** – The EDA is requesting that the City Council discuss the possibility of selling the Fire Department lot in the Sell Industrial Park. If a business would want it for development, the City may look at selling it but would need to find another location for a future fire station first.

In the mean time, it was suggested that the lot be looked at to see if it could have a use or purpose such as a community garden or dog park.

5. **Noise Ordinance** ó The Council had wanted to exclude the Commercial/Industrial areas from the current noise ordinance or consider repealing the ordinance altogether. The Council agreed that the

noise ordinance should be kept. The Council will have the Planning Commission review our current ordinance against other cities' ordinances. Administrator Ruch-Hammond will find out what the County can enforce.

6. **Upcoming Candidate Forum** ó Since the Herald Journal cannot provide staff to facilitate a Candidate Forum for the upcoming election, a Mayer Business owner has approached the City willing to facilitate a Candidate Forum. It has been suggested to hold a local Council and Mayor Forum on one date and to hold another forum for the County Sheriff and local Commissioner race.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk