

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES 6 SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

Call Work Session to order at 7:45 p.m. by Mayor Thomas

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Council Members Osborn, McNeilly and Stieve-McPadden

ABSENT: Council Member Boder

STAFF: City Administrator Ruch-Hammond, Public Works Kuntz and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Ivan Raconteur, Mike Dodge, Brad Quaas and Kaye Timmers.

1. **Land Purchase / Lots for Fire Department and Public Works:** The Council reviewed options for land available within the City limits for purchase to construct a fire station and public works building or a combination of both. The Council discussed the need to prioritize current needs. They discussed the current compost site which the City owns and thought that a joint complex could easily fit on that property giving them the area to also add geo-thermal. Since the City owns the land, the cost of purchasing more land could go a long way toward building a facility. The Council was asked to go through the other available properties and make a list of pros and cons for each.
2. **Public Works Building:** Staff has discussed the immediate need for more space. A new building 50 x 120 similar to the City of St Bonifacius is estimated to cost approximately \$450,000 including heating, plumbing, and electrical according to Lester Buildings and Cleary Buildings. Another option would be an addition to the north of the current building of additional bays and also restrooms for the park which could serve the department possibly for another ten years before they completely outgrow the building. They also described how the current public works building with this addition could be converted to a park shelter at the time a new public works building is constructed.
3. **Discussion on Establishment of Equipment Fund for Public Works:** The Council discussed establishing an Equipment Fund for public Works. Left over funds from snow plowing and new equipment line items would be placed in the fund. The fund would primarily be used for Public Works future equipment. Staff will work with the City's accountant in spring after the audit to add the new fund.
4. **Lawn Mowers:** Public Works presented findings on the use of a batwing mower and the Hustler versus two Hustler mowers. Kyle will bring back to the next Council meeting his recommendation.
5. **Green Step City:** This summer, the Administrative Intern investigated the GreenStep 28 best practices of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and compiled minimum steps for GreenStep Recognition by the LMC. Discussion included implementing these goals as we make changes within the City. The matter will be brought back to the next Council meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Osborn to adjourn the work session at 8:40 p.m.

Gerald W. Thomas, Mayor

Attest: _____
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk