

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 11, 2013

The Council met at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Liquor License renewal with the owners of Finn's Place. Discussion was held about a possible payment plan for paying the back 2012 taxes. It was agreed that the Council wants to see progress with the 2012 tax payments and they will revisit the issue at the end of August 2013.

Call Regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Mike Dodge

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

ABSENT: Council Member Osborn

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

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Emily Hedges, Ivan Raconteur, Diane Buranen

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden with a second by Council Member Lueth to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion Carried 4/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

After questions, a MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden with a second by Council Member Boder to approve the Consent Agenda: Motion Carried 4/0.

1. Approval of the Minutes for the January 28, 2013 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of the Minutes for the January 28, 2013 Council Work Session.
3. Approval of the Minutes for the November 5, 2012 Planning Commission Meeting.
4. Approval of Claims for the Month of February 2013.
5. Approval of Check Summary Register for the Month of January 2013.
6. Approval of the Building Permit Report for the month ending January 2013.
7. Approval of Resolution 02-11-2013-9 Acceptance of Donation from the Mayer Baseball Club.
8. Approval of the Fire Department Report for the month ending January 2013.
9. Approval of the Fire Department Report for the Year 2012.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. **Approval of Resolution 02-11-2013-7 Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Retirement Plan** – A MOTION was made by Council Member Lueth and seconded by Mayor Dodge approving Resolution 02-11-2013-7 allowing survivor benefits to be paid in cases where the firefighter dies before becoming vested. Motion Carried 4/0
2. **Approval of Liquor Licenses for 2013** – A MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Lueth to approve the Liquor Licenses for Finn's Place, Heldt's Bar, Mayer Wine & Spirits and Uncle Ron's Smokehouse pending background checks, payment of fees and receipt of Certificate of Liability Insurance. Motion Carried 3/0 (Stieve-McPadden abstains)
3. **Approval of Safe Routes to School Grant Application** – A MOTION was made by Council Member Lueth and seconded by Council Member Boder approving Resolution 02-11-2013-8 Safe Routes to School Grant Application. Motion Carried 4/0 This grant application follows the master trail plan.

4. **Authorize Re-Advertising of Compost Employee Position** – The Compost employee position has changed and the Personnel Committee is recommending re-advertising of the position. The hours have changed from every Saturday to every 2nd, 4th and 5th Saturdays. The hours have changed from 9 am – Noon to 8 AM – Noon. Also the compost site is now open year round instead of opening in April and closing in November. The Council approved a reduction in pay to \$8.50 instead of the current \$10.86. Applications will be accepted until Monday February 25, 2013 at 4 PM. The High School graduate requirement will be removed from the job description. A MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Mike Dodge approving the re-advertizing of the compost employee position. Motion Carried 4/0
5. **Approval of the Amendment to the Sprint Lease Agreement** – Sprint has proposed a change in the number of antennas on the water tower. They have completed a building permit and have submitted an amendment to the original lease agreement. Sprint is replacing some of the antennae on the water tower and they are proposing an additional \$200 per month for the additional antennae. The City Attorney has reviewed the amendment and is recommending approval. A MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Lueth approving the amended agreement with Sprint for antennae on the water tower and authorized the Mayor's signature on the agreement. Motion Carried 4/0
6. **Approval of Drug Take Back Day** – The Senior Commission had met and established 2013 goals. One of their 2013 goals was to have a Drug Take Back in the City. Town Cop Jake Hodge has checked with the County and will coordinate a Drug Take Back for April 27, 2013. The program accepts medicine from households. A MOTION was made by Council Member Lueth and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden approving April 27, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a drug take back at the Mayer Community Center. Motion Carried 4/0 The City will advertise the event with a coordination with Spring Clean-up.
7. **Approval of Communications Workshop** – Last October, Council Members Lueth, Stieve-McPadden and Administrator Murphy attended a Communications class presented by the Chanhassen Community Education. Those attending thought this would be a valuable class for the entire Council to experience. It was also recommended that the Commissions all could benefit from the class. Administrator Murphy will find out how much to hold the class for everyone and bring back the information to the next meeting.
8. **Approval of Engineering Services for Sprint Antennae Installation** – The City Engineer is proposing to provide engineering services for the installation of the antennae on the water tower. The scope of the services was reviewed. The total fee for the project is \$6,000 and would be taken from the escrow account that the City has set up for Sprint. Sprint has deposited \$10,000 with the City to be used for any fees that the City would have in response to their request. A MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Boder approving the Engineering services for the water tower. Motion Carried 4/0

CITY ENGINEER

- **Mayer Lutheran High School Round-A-Bout** – City Engineer David Martini reviewed the history of the closure of 62nd Street in conjunction with the Fieldstone Development and the following requests from Mayer Lutheran High School to re-open the street. Since the closure, the City has done a Transportation study and this round-a-bout is consistent with our plan. Timing is the key – at the moment the City has a cooperative agreement with the State to provide almost \$400,000 toward construction.

The City must decide if they are interested in the project and if so, what the cost sharing equation is. In addition, they must decide what is the ultimate scope of the project – should 62nd street be tarred or gravel, should paved trails be added to the project. Further discussion is needed to decide what look

they want for the round-a-bout and whether or not it should reflect the gateway to the City and have a different feel than the round-a-bouts on highway.

Administrator Murphy explained that the City could actually finance the project ourselves instead of Bonding for the project. Financing the project ourselves could actually be an investment, allowing our funds to earn more interest than keeping them in the bank.

The Council will continue discussion at the next work session.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

COUNCIL REPORTS

Stieve-McPadden – The Council reviewed the ad that will appear in the Explore Minnesota Bike Edition.

Boder – Council Boder would like the City to look at Zero based budgeting. The issue will be discussed at a future work session.

Lueth – Council Lueth asked if the Work Sessions could be switched to the 1st meeting of the month due to extra Fire Department trainings being held the fourth Monday of the month for most of the remainder of the year.

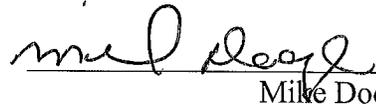
Dodge – Mayor Dodge attended a Public Works committee meeting and his first Fire Department meeting. He also attended a Town Hall meeting with Representative Bachmann which was held at Watertown on Saturday February 9th.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Boder to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion Carried 4/0

Attest:


Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk


Mike Dodge, Mayor