

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES ó JULY 8, 2013

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

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

ABSENT: Council Member Boder

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

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Lorrie Ham and Todd Hagen

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

1. Approval of the Minutes for the June 24, 2013 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of the Minutes for the June 24, 2013 Work Session.
3. Approval of the Minutes for the June 4, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting.
4. Approval of Claims for the Month of July 2013.
5. Approval of Check Summary Register for the Month of June 2013.
6. Approval of the Building Permit Report for the month ending June 2013.
7. Approve the Fire Department Report for the Month ending June 2013.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. **Ehlers and Associates Bond Refunding** ó Todd Hagen, of Ehlers and Associates, reported that the Refunding of Bonds 2007B doesn't work at the moment. The rates are too high. It is basically a supply and demand issue at this time. Hopefully the market settles-down and they can give the City a better forecast. Ehlers will be watching and waiting until there is a better deal to offer the City.
2. **Requests for Information from Staff** ó The City Administrator is requesting that all requests for information be submitted to her in writing. This will help with accountability and also making sure that Council Members receive the information that is needed to make decisions. Acceptable ways of requesting information will be by email or in writing. The Council would like Administrator Murphy to copy all members when replying to a request, as it may be relevant to all.
3. **Proposal for Purchase of Cameras** ó The City Council had instructed Staff to compile quotes for cameras and microphones to be able to broadcast Council Meetings. Staff has received a quote of \$4,400 to \$5,000 from ZTS Productions for the purchase of cameras and microphones. The expenditure could be taken from the Community Center Capital Outlay current budget amount of \$15,000 of which only \$1,245 has been spent. Video of the Council Meetings could be uploaded to our Gov-Office website and linked to You-Tube to view. The matter was tabled to the next meeting for further information.

4. **City Engineer on Pond at 1104 Apple Circle** ó As requested, the City Engineer has done some research on the causes and possible solutions to algae build up in the City's storm water ponds. He outlined contributing factors and possible solutions. He is unaware of any communities that take steps to remove algae from the ponds they own and maintain; however some communities have allowed property owners to propose measures to control the algae on their own at their expense. He cautioned that if the City decides to treat one pond, they should be prepared to treat them all. He also stated that the ponds were not designed to be amenities for our residents and that they are doing the job they were intended for. The City should continue to educate the residents on runoff issues that affect our waters.

5. **Mayer Rising Community Festival** ó Council Member Stieve-McPadden reported that the Mayer Rising Community Festival is this coming Saturday. She highlighted the events and asked for volunteers for the events. The Committee is ordering another handicapped biff which will be put closer to the ball fields. They are requesting the City pay that expense. Concession stand water line issues and water heater repairs will need to be completed before the weekend.

6. **Park Restroom Petition** ó Council Member Stieve-McPadden brought forward a Park Restroom Petition along with comments and letters from residents in support for the Council's information. The matter is being brought up once more because of new developments. It has been determined by the Building Inspector that architectural drawings are not needed for a building such as this provided licensed plumbers and electricians are used and that the building is built according to the State Building Code. The Council still is unsure of the placement of the structure and has concerns that complete building specifications need to be spelled out for comparative bids. Suggestions included a planning work session for Old Schoolhouse Park, and estimated costs to move the Public Works building and pool construction/maintenance. The Park Commission was directed to move forward once again with planning.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Osborn reported on the Planning Commission meeting July 2nd.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Osborn to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion Carried 4/0

Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: _____
 Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk