

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 8, 2016

Call Regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Gerald W. Thomas

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

ABSENT: Council Member McNeilly

STAFF: City Administrator Ruch-Hammond and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Ivan Raconteur, Mike Dodge and Keith Adams.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried 4/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

After some discussion, a MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Osborn to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion Carried 4/0.

1. Approval of the Minutes for the January 25, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of the Minutes for the January 25, 2015 Work Session.
3. Approval of the Minutes for the June 23, 2015 EDA Meeting.
4. Approval of the Claims for the Month of February 2016.
5. Approval of the Check Summary for the Month of January 2016.
6. Approval of Resolution 2-8-2016-7 Lawful Gambling Exception for West Carver Ducks Unlimited.
7. Approval of the Building Permit Report for the Month ending January 2016.
8. Approval of the Fire Department Report for the Month ending January 2016
9. Approval of Liquor Licenses for 2016.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. **Approval of Purchase of Christmas Decorations and Banners** – City Staff is proposing to purchase new Christmas decorations and summer flag banners. Many of the companies are offering discounts this time of year. Staff is recommending to purchase eight 3-foot snowflakes at a cost of \$1,885.00, 16 winter banners and 16 flag banners plus three extra brackets at a cost of \$1,688.80 for a total cost of \$3,573.80. After discussion, a MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Osborn approving the purchase of Christmas decorations and banners as presented. Amount to be split three ways among the Street fund, Community Center Capital Outlay and the Park Beautification fund. Motion Carried 4/0
2. **Approval of Purchase of Computers for City Hall** – The City had budgeted \$2,000 for new computers for 2016 however there is \$2,027.34 left over from the 2015 computer budget line item that could be used for the purchase. Staff has solicited a quote in the amount of \$3,273.52 from Stutsman Technology. The quote is for 4 computers, 1 monitor, crucial Balistix Sport 8GB. After discussion, a MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Boder approving

the purchase of the computers for City Hall in the amount of \$3,273.25 using the 2016 budget of \$2,000 and the balance from 2015. Motion Carried 4/0

3. **Approval of Energy Analysis with CenterPoint Energy** – CenterPoint Energy is promoting an energy analysis program for their customers. The cost to complete the audit would be \$500 for the City Hall/Community Center, Fire Station, Water Plant and Waste Water Plant. The information that will be provided may require that funds be spent to repair or upgrade building. There are also rebates and other programs offered from CenterPoint to offset the cost for improvements, however the improvements have to be completed in 2016 or budgeted for in 2017 if done at all. After some discussion, a MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Osborn to proceed with the energy analysis. Motion Carried 3/1 (Boder)
4. **Ordinance #207 Tree and Landscaping Requirement Changes for the C-1 General Commerce, C-2 Central Business, C/I Commercial/Industrial and P/I Public/Institutional Districts** –The Council reviewed the Planning Commission’s proposed changes to the tree and landscaping requirements at their last Work Session. After review of these changes, a MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Mayor Thomas to approve Ordinance #207 as presented. Motion Defeated 2/2 (Osborn & Stieve-McPadden) The matter will be sent back to the Planning Commission for a compromise.
5. **Approval of Date for Interviews of Deputy Clerk and Interview Questions** – The Council was given applications for Deputy Clerk to review. They were instructed to email their top three candidates to interview to the City Administrator by Thursday morning (February 11th) for Staff to set up interviews for Monday, February 29th. They were also asked to review interview questions and give their suggestions for the top ten questions to be used.
6. **Authorization to Sign Sewer Application Agreement for Hidden Creek 6th Addition** – The Developer is requesting that the City sign the MPCA sewer extension permit. Normally staff would sign the permit once the Development Agreement is signed and securities are in place. The Developer does not intend to deposit securities with the City until closer to the beginning of the construction. In order to keep the project moving, the developer is requesting that the City sign the sewer extension permit and submit it to the MPCA. A MOTION was made by Council Boder and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden authorizing the Mayor’s signature on the Sewer Application Agreement for Hidden Creek 6th Addition. Motion Carried 4/0
7. **Authorization of Mayor’s Signature on the Lexstar Commercial Non Exclusive Showing Agreement** – The city is in receipt of a Commercial Non Exclusive Showing Agreement for Lexstar Realty in reference to the listing of the city lot which was purchase several years ago for a future fire station. This agreement is exclusively for Casey’s General Store only, and establishes the realtor’s compensation of 6% commission of the sale price of the lot. The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the six month agreement. A MOTION was made by Osborn and seconded by Council Member Boder authorizing the Mayor’s signature on the Commercial Non-Exclusive Showing Agreement with Lexstar. Motion Carried 4/0
8. **Discussion on Possible Purchase of Property at 409 Shimmcor St.** – The Council discussed the merits of pursuing the purchase of property at 409 Shimmcor St. Since there is an interested party currently looking at purchasing the lot previously purchased for a future fire station, it would make sense to secure another lot. After some discussion, a MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Mayor Thomas to move forward with an offer. Motion Carried 3/1 (Stieve-McPadden)

OTHER BUSINESS

None

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Council Member Boder reported that he continues to have discussions with his neighbors in the Hidden Creek Development about Nu-Telecom internet. The company has indicated that improvements to the system coming in March will alleviate problems that are occurring.

THE COUNCIL WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION PER MN STATUTE 13D.05 TO CONSIDER AN OFFER AND COUNTER OFFER FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT 409 SHIMMCOR ST. IN THE CITY OF MAYER.

Those present at the closed session were: Mayor Thomas, Council Members Boder, Stieve-McPadden and Osborn. Staff present: City Administrator Ruch-Hammond and Clerk Lois Maetzold.

The meeting was closed at 7:32 p.m.

The meeting was re-opened at 7:53 p.m.

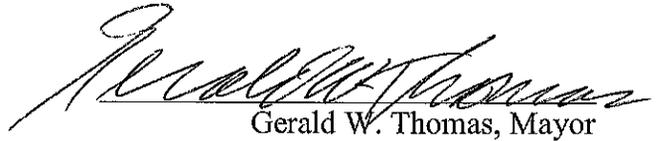
City Staff was directed to contact the property owner at 409 Shimmcor St. with an offer to purchase the property.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, A MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Motion Carried 4/0.

Attest:


Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk


Gerald W. Thomas, Mayor