

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES 6 FEBRUARY 25, 2013

Call Work Session to order at 7:40 p.m. by Mayor Mike Dodge

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

ABSENT: Council Member Lueth

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

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Emily Hedges, Ivan Raconteur, Les Hahn and Greg Hoesel.

1. **Review of Planning and Zoning Goals** – The Planning Commission will be reviewing the 2013 Planning and Zoning Goals at the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. **Review of Senior Commission Goals** – The Council reviewed the 2013 Senior Commission Goals.
3. **Purchase of Salt Shed for future** – The Council reviewed a quote of \$12,065.95 for a Salt Shed. Council Osborn reported that an asphalt pad would also be needed. A location for the structure would need to be decided and possibly other quotes secured. The matter was tabled until budget time. The old creamery will continue to be used for salt/sand storage.
4. **Discussion on using only salt – no sand for snow removal** – Council Osborn reported that by using only salt/no sand would reduce the volume of material used, decreasing the amount of sand getting into the storm sewer system and to be swept in the spring. The Council felt they needed more information. If it truly is cost effective, the City should pursue. The Public Works Committee will contact other Cities and the County to see what they use and bring back a recommendation to the Council.
5. **Fare for All Express, Continued Discussion** – Council Lueth had requested this item be added to the last work session for discussion. Fare for All Express is not available for our City. It appears that the program is much more extensive than first thought, and the Council does not wish to pursue it at this time.
6. **Recycling Coupons for 2013** – Administrator Murphy asked the Council if they wish to offer \$10 Recycling coupons again for 2013. The coupons were handed out to residents to help offset recycling costs and were paid for out of the County recycling grant to the City. Administrator Murphy will get more information and bring back to the next Council meeting for approval.
7. **Discussion on Roundabout** – The City Council has been discussing the construction of a roundabout with Mayer Lutheran High School and the cost sharing and financing of the project. The two issues the City Council will need to decide is the cost share percentage with Mayer LHS and financing; either the traditional bonding or the City could finance the project with cash. The Council is in agreement to finance the project themselves and decides to move ahead with that in mind. It was suggested to have another meeting with Mayer LHS to keep them involved and informed. Administrator Murphy will put together documents based on a 1/3 City and 2/3 Mayer LHS cost share on a 10 year project.
8. **Downtown Sidewalks** – There have been questions about the snow not being removed around the light poles on Ash Ave N. Council minutes from February 23, 2009 were reviewed stating that it was the City's intent to do the major removal, but it may not have been communicated to the property owners that they would still be responsible for the cleanup around light poles, etc. Administrator Murphy will send letters to property owners asking them to shovel around the light poles, hydrants and signs.

9. **IPad Discussion** – Staff was asked to research the cost to purchase iPads and associated software, cases and insurance for the Council to use. The Council reviewed a quote of \$4,259.81 for 6 iPads and associated software, setup and installation. The cost was more than anticipated. The Council would like more feedback from the Watertown City Council and other Cities currently using iPads. The matter was tabled.
10. **Zero Based Budgeting** – Information on Zero-Base Budgeting was reviewed. There was general discussion about the subject. The Finance Committee will look at methods of budgeting and will bring their recommendation to the Council.
11. **Other Issues**
- Administrator Murphy reported that the Financial section is up on the City of Mayer's website.
  - Discussion about changing Work Session meeting dates, since the Fire Department has a special training the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month for the rest of the year, affecting Council Boder and Lueth. No decision made.
  - It was reported that the skating rink will close for the season on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - There was general investment discussion. Administrator Murphy will make some inquiries concerning upcoming investment needs.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Mike Dodge, Mayor

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Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk