

## MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES 6 MAY 13, 2013

Call Work Session to order at 6:55 p.m. by Mayor Mike Dodge

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

ABSENT: Council Members Osborn & Boder

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

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Ivan Raconteur and Joel Wallace

1. **Communications Work Shop** – There has been positive feedback about the Communications Workshop held April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Council reviewed the email from the presenter about possible follow-up sessions. The Council will discuss at a future work session.
2. **Community Center Rental Deposit** – Currently the deposit is \$50 for Community Center rentals. The deposit is returned if the date is cancelled. Staff is requesting direction on whether the deposit should be returned and whether the deposit amount should be increased. The matter will be brought back as an agenda item.
3. **Splitting Lots; Subdivision Section 1 subd. Resubdivision** – Staff has been approached by a property owner that has a vacant lot next to their current home and wanted to know if the City would consider allowing them to split the lot. Staff did a review of vacant lots in the City and found that there are currently 25 lots that could be impacted by the decision to allow the split. Consideration needs to be given about density and whether this would trigger changes to the Comprehensive Plan. General consensus is to not allow lot splits.
4. **Sheriff's Contract** – Council Member Lueth would like to have a conversation about the 2014 Sheriff's Contract before the current contract ends. Tabled to the next work session.
5. **Survey of Community** – The Mayer resident that asked to complete a Survey of Community has removed his request to provide his services due to an additional commitment.
6. **Fire Truck** – Council Lueth had requested this item be added. He asks that the Council have a discussion about how a Fire truck that is on the CIP would be financed, and whether it should be new or used and what would trigger the process. He would like to begin better communication between the Fire Department and the Council. Mayor Dodge will discuss with the Fire Department Officers at the next Fire Department meeting.
7. **Discussion on 62<sup>nd</sup> Street** – Council Member Osborn had requested to discuss the construction of 62<sup>nd</sup> Street. The Council may want to consider placing this item on a work session item by itself, along with any other street projects anticipated.
8. **Commission Member Pay** – Currently all members of the Park Board and Planning Commission are paid a \$30 per meeting per diem. The Senior Commission and the Electronic Sign Committee have not been reimbursed for meetings. The matter will be brought back as an agenda item. Staff will check into the needs for the Electronic Sign Committee.
9. **Taping meetings for Internet** – Mayor Dodge requested this item to be discussed. He would like to get more involvement from the Community/Residents. Taping meetings would still require the purchase of equipment for meetings to be uploaded to the internet. Staff will investigate other Cities' methods and costs.
10. **Attendance at Commission Meetings** – Currently the City Code does not address lack of attendance of Commission Members. Staff would like to discuss this with Council on

whether a Policy or Ordinance should be implemented. Staff will investigate Ordinance language.

11. **List of Property for Coldwater Crossing** – Staff has been contacted by a resident of Coldwater Crossing about all of the campers, trailers and boats in the development. The person provided staff with a list of properties that contained these accessory items, but did not provide their name. The Council reviewed sections of the Code that regulates property. Coldwater Crossings Protective Covenants do address accessory items, but the City does not have the power to enforce them. The City will address any issues relating to Nuisance and Abandonment.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk