

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES 6 OCTOBER 14, 2013

Call Work Session to order at 8:45 p.m. by Mayor Mike Dodge

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

ABSENT: Council Member Osborn

STAFF: City Administrator Murphy City Engineers David Martini and Andrew Budde and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Joel Landskroener, Gregg Johnson, Jeff Machemehl, Greg Kluver, Tom Stifter

1. **Round-A-Bout** – The Council reviewed several more options for opening 62nd Street due to the fact that MnDOT rejected the City Engineer's original round-a-bout alignment. These options have been reviewed by MnDOT and they responded that each option had some things that would need to be worked out but the consensus was that all of them are feasible. The Council's comments included the desire to preserve the east-west directional route of 62nd street. The representatives from Mayer Lutheran High School in attendance just want to have access from State Hwy 25. It was discussed that this will push back the original plan of spring construction to a fall completion. Funds for the State Highway grant need to be spent by July 1, 2015. The new options could cost more than the original estimate. It is uncertain if there would be additional state money to put toward the project. The City Engineers will go back and work out a design to favor the east-west route.
2. **62nd Street Discussion** – The City Engineer reviewed the cost estimates for improvements to 62nd Street that would be completed in conjunction with the construction of the roundabout at the T.H.25 intersection. They are: 1) Reconstruct 62nd St as an urban section 32' wide with curb and gutter and storm sewer at an estimated cost of \$310,010.48; 2) Pave 62nd St with a bituminous surface 24' wide on the existing gravel base at an estimated cost of \$123,652.03. Costs to be split 40% City and 60% Mayer Lutheran High School through assessments as the owners of all the adjoining property. There is no storm water need at the moment to build it as an urban section now. The Council agrees that it needs to be paved. There is still a little time to decide before going out to bid.
3. **West Side Project** – The West Side Project has been brought back as a request from the Council for discussion. At the least, the alleys need to be addressed and maybe 4th street. Discussion included holding off with the major repairs until the Hwy 25 assessment is paid off. Staff will contact a contractor to give their opinion for repairs needed to 4th St NW, 2nd St NW west of Bluejay, Canary and the alleys.
4. **Request of Resident for Coldwater Crossing development** – A resident from Coldwater Crossing has requested improvements to the development. She is asking for entrance signs at entrances, two parks, the development of future additions and covenant issues to be addressed. The Council discussed the request. Since the developer has paid all the park dedication fees to the City, there are no plans for parks in the future additions. The Protective Covenants are only enforceable by the developer. They could ask the current owner Security Bank for enforcement. Until someone comes forward to purchase the remaining development, there are no plans for completion, and the City is not responsible for completion. There is no association to care for entrance signs.

5. **Request for Community Service Project from Mayer Lutheran High School** – The School has already found a service project raking leaves on Wednesday October 16th.
6. **City of Cologne’s Request** – The City of Mayer has received word from the City of Cologne that they are selling the customer base and assets of Cologne-ISP to Hutchinson based Broadband Corp. Staff has concerns about the transfer. The fees are too low, with no revenue from allowing equipment on our water tower. There are concerns with access to the water tower and the City should be asking for an interference study. They discussed the option of just saying “no” to the sale. To date there are only 15 residents served by Cologne ISP. More information is needed; we will wait to see what they will offer.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk