

## MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES ó MAY 12, 2014

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

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

ABSENT:

STAFF: City Administrator (Murphy) Ruch-Hammond, City Engineers Andrew Budde and David Martini and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Ivan Raconteur, Greg Kluver, Mark Kjøhlaug, Todd Hagen, Ron Hoese

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden with a second by Council Member Boder to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried 4/0

*Council Member Lueth arrives.*

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

After clarification about a specific claim, a MOTION was made by Council Member Boder with a second by Council Member Stieve-McPadden to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: Motion Carried 5/0.

1. Approval of the Minutes for the April 28, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of the Minutes for the April 28, 2014 Work Session.
3. Approval of the Minutes for the April 7, 2014 Senior Commission Meeting.
4. Approval of Claims for the Month of May.
5. Approval of the Check Summary for the month of April 2014.
6. Approval of Fire Department Report for the Month ending April 2014.
7. Approval of the Building Permit Report for Month ending March 2014.
8. Approval of the Sheriff's Department Report for March 2014.

### CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. **Discussion on Ehlers to Refund the GO Improvement Bonds, Series 2007B** ó Administrator Ruch-Hammond reported that the City's Financial Advisor Ehlers consistently monitors the City's debt and is recommending the refunding of the 2.7 million GO Improvement & Utility Revenue bonds, Series 2007B to take advantage of the lower rates currently available. The refunding of these bonds could potentially save the City approximately \$102,551.16 over the next eight years. The matter was tabled until later in the meeting for the arrival of Todd Hagen from Ehlers for further discussion.
2. **Approval of Purchase of Equipment for the WWTF** ó Greg Kluver explained issues with two pumps and an anaerobic pump cord discovered by an annual inspection of all lift stations and mixers for the Wastewater collection system and the Treatment Facility. Repairs to each pump are estimated at \$2,468.00 plus labor while a new pump would cost \$5,860 including installation. It is staff recommendation to continue to run the existing pumps as long as possible in 2014 due to the amount of run time hours on them. In the event that one of the pumps fails completely, staff would like

Council approval to purchase one new pump and one new mixer cord in 2014. The second pump would be placed in the 2015 sewer budget. After some discussion, a MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden approving the purchase of one new pump in the amount of \$5,860.00 which includes labor and one new 50 ft pump cord for the Anaerobic Mixer in the amount of \$1,238.00 (plus freight & labor to install) from Quality Flow Systems, Inc. in 2014. The new pump purchase would be contingent on the failure of one of the existing pumps. Motion Carried 5/0

3. **Continued Discussion on Ehlers to Refund the GO Improvement Bonds, Series 2007B** – Todd Hagen from Ehlers further explained the refunding process and the possible savings to the City. He also explained Ehlers recommendation for a bond rating and the IRS's recommendation for a post-issuance arbitrage compliance policy for the City. After further discussion, a MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Boder to approve Resolution 05-12-2014-14 providing for the sale of \$1,735,000 G.O. Improvement and Utility Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014A. Motion Carried 5/0

A MOTION was also made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden approving Ehlers to prepare a Post Issuance Arbitrage Compliance Policy at a cost of \$500.00. Motion Carried 5/0

4. **Approval of the Sign Retroreflectivity Policy** ó A MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Osborn approving a Retroreflectivity Policy for traffic signs. Motion Carried 5/0
5. **Notice to Snow Removal Contract Operator** ó A MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Osborn authorizing staff to give notice to Molnau Trucking terminating the current snow removal contract dated October 1, 2012 with them as of this date. Motion Carried 5/0
6. **Snow Removal Contractor for the 2014-15 Snow Season** ó There was discussion about the advertisement for bids for the 2014-15 snow seasons. The matter was tabled until the Council can further discuss the contract and their Snow & Ice Policy at the next work session.
7. **City Engineer and Wetland Specialist on Vinkemeier and the Wetland Project** ó City Engineer Andrew Budde and Wetland Specialist Mark Kjolhaug appeared before the Council to discuss the current Wetland Restoration project that the City has been working on for the past two years. They explained the State's current review of the project. The most significant comment was that the wetland may not be eligible for as much restoration credit as originally indicated in preliminary planning meetings. More paperwork needs to be submitted before we know for sure. It was originally believed there would be enough wetland credits to fund the project. The current agreement with Vinkemeier (adjoining property owner) will expire at the end of the year if we don't develop the wetland. The City's need is the improvement to the storm sewer as identified by our Storm Water Management Plan. The City had decided to go ahead with the project because of a \$50,000 grant from the County toward the project. The Engineer and Wetland Specialist will continue to update the Council when more is known.

*Notice of closed Executive Session of the City Council pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, Subd. 3(c)(3) to consider the purchase of a temporary construction easement for property at 217 7<sup>th</sup> Street N.E.*

The meeting was closed at 8:02 pm to discuss the matter.

The closed session was opened at 8:20 pm. It was reported that the Public Works committee will meet with the property owners at 217 7<sup>th</sup> St NE to discuss easement compensation.

*Council Member Osborn leaves the meeting.*

OTHER BUSINESS

- It was reported that street sweeping is scheduled for later this week.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Council Member Boder reported about the EDA meeting. He asked about needed repairs to manholes.
- Council Member Stieve-McPadden reported that there is a Park Board meeting and a Community Ed meeting this week.
- Mayor Dodge attended the Mayer Fire Department meeting and MFD Relief Association meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Lueth to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion Carried 4/0

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Mike Dodge, Mayor

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