

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES ó DECEMBER 8, 2014

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

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

ABSENT:

STAFF: City Administrator (Murphy) Ruch-Hammond and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Nikki McNeilly, Gerry Thomas, Ivan Raconteur, Kenneth Plocher, Harvey Ziermann and Allan Thaemert.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn with a second by Council Member Stieve-McPadden to approve the agenda with the addition of a Request from Mayer Rising Community Festival Committee.

Motion Carried 5/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

RECOGNITIONS:

- The Council presented a Certificate to Donald Wachholz for his outstanding attendance at the Mayer Council meetings in 2014, and for being an informed citizen.
- Council Member Stieve-McPadden presented a Certificate to outgoing Mayor Mike Dodge recognizing his two years of service and dedication to the improvement and development of our community.
- Council Member Stieve-McPadden also presented a Certificate to outgoing Council Member Daniel Lueth recognizing his four years of service and dedication to the improvement and development of our community.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

After questions, a MOTION was made by Council Member Boder with a second by Council Member Osborn to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion Carried 5/0.

1. Approval of the Minutes for the November 24, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of the Minutes for the November 24, 2014 Work Session Meeting.
3. Approval of the Minutes for the October 7, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting.
4. Approval of Claims for the Month of December.
5. Approval of the Check Summary for the Month of November 2014.
6. Approval of the Fire Department Report for the month ending November 2014.
7. Approval of the Building Permit Report for Month ending November 2014.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. **PUBLIC HEARING TRUTH IN TAXATION 6:30 PM** – The Public Hearing for Truth in Taxation was opened. Administrator Ruch-Hammond reviewed a power point highlighting the budget and tax levy for the past five years with those in attendance. The current budget was reviewed and the Council heard public input. The Public Hearing was closed and the regular Council meeting reconvened.

2. **Approval of the 2015 Final Levy and Budget** – The Council reviewed the 2015 General Fund Budget and Levy scenarios. Possible cuts to the budget expenditures and additions to the revenues were identified.
 - **Approval of Resolution 12-08-2014-36 Establishing the Final Levy for 2015** – A MOTION was made by Council Member Lueth and seconded by Council Member Boder to increase the LGA revenue amount by \$25,000 and to reduce the Park Capital Outlay by \$15,000 and to approve resolution 12-08-2014-36 establishing the Final Levy of \$947,724 with a tax rate of 56.015% for 2015. Motion Carried 3/2 (Mayor Dodge and Stieve-McPadden).
 - **Approval of Resolution 12-08-2014-37 Approving the General Fund Budget for 2015** A MOTION was made by Council Member Lueth and seconded by Council Member Boder to approve Resolution 12-08-2014-37 Approving the General Fund Budget for 2015. Motion Carried 5/0
3. **Approval of Resolution 12-08-2014-38 Approval to Pay Additional Claims for the Month of December 2014** A MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Osborn authorizing the payment of additional claims for the month of December. Motion Carried 5/0
4. **Approval of the 2015 Sewer and Water Budgets** The city Council instructed staff to return to the next Council meeting with a proposed water rate increase for 2015. After discussion, it was decided that the sewer rate would remain the same and that \$2.00 would be added to the base water fee and that \$.75 would be added to each water rate tier. A MOTION was made by Council Member Lueth and seconded by Council Member Boder approving Resolution 12-08-2014-39 establishing sewer and water service rates in the City of Mayer. Motion Carried 5/0
5. **Approval of Agreement with Mayer Lutheran High School Affirming Costs of the TH 25 & 62nd Street Intersection Improvements** The Council reviewed the agreement between the City of Mayer and Mayer Lutheran High School drafted by the City Attorney. This agreement confirms the costs of the roundabout, explains the financing and defines the process for any change orders in the process. There were questions about the timely manner in getting both parties to approve change orders. Administrator Ruch-Hammond explained that the City could work with MLHS and draft a policy to address the timely manner of addressing change orders. A MOTION was then made by Council Member Lueth and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden Authorizing the Mayor's signature on the new roundabout agreement. Motion Carried 5/0
6. **Approval of Extension for Agreement with Joel Vinkemeier** The City had extended its agreement with Joel Vinkemeier in December of 2013 to the 31st of December 2014 with the understanding that the project would be completed by December of 2014. The project has not been completed and the City continues to work towards approval from BOWSER for the wetland credits. The City has had to submit additional information to BOWSER and the Army Corps. of Engineers for their consideration of the wetland banking and the review period will end in March of 2015. A MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Boder authorizing the Administrator's signature on the Agreement to extend the agreement between the City of Mayer and Joel Vinkemeier for Restoration of Wetland until December 31, 2015. Motion Carried 5/0
7. **Acceptance of Planning Commission Resignation and Authorization to Advertise** A MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden accepting

the resignation of Bill Michel and authorizing staff to advertise for the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Motion Carried 5/0

8. **Approval of Fire Department Officers for 2015** ó A MOTION was made by Council Member Lueth and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden approving the Mayer Fire Department Officers' terms for 2015. Motion Carried 5/0

POSITION	NAME	LENGTH	TERM
Fire Chief	Rod Maetzold	1 year	12/31/2015
Assistant Chief	Bob Carlson	2 years	12/31/2016
Captain 2 & Training Officer	Adam Maetzold	2 years	12/31/2015
Captain 4	Jeff Vollmer	2 years	12/31/2015

9. **Approval of Ordinance #196 Lot Coverage** ó A MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Boder approving Ordinance #196 amending the City Code relating to Lot coverage in the R-1 low density residential district. Motion Carried 5/0
10. **Staff Request to Close Friday, December 26, 2014** ó A MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Osborn authorizing the City Offices to be closed Friday, December 26, 2014. Staff will post emergency numbers. Motion Carried 5/0
11. **Request by the Mayer Rising Community Festival Committee** ó The MRFC committee has taken over the fall craft sale from a group of individuals that are not willing to keep it going. They are hoping to use it as a fund raiser for the summer festival and will be incorporating a more family oriented day including a visit from Santa. They are requesting free use of the Mayer Community Center for the event. After some discussion, no action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Council Osborn reported on the Planning Commission meeting which looked at lot coverage and the noise ordinance.
- Mayor Dodge was appreciative for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Mayer.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Mayor Dodge and seconded by Council Member Lueth to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion Carried 5/0

Tice Stieve-McPadden, Acting Mayor

Attest: _____
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk