

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES 6 AUGUST 9, 2010

Workshop called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Chris Capaul

PRESENT: Mayor Capaul, Council Members Taylor, Oman, Stieve-McPadden and Osborn

ABSENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT: Bill & Sandy Drew, Don Wachholz, Nikki Larson, Ivan Raconteur, Al Klein, Steve & Linnea Goetz and Rod Maetzold.

1. **Continued discussion with 62nd Street Residents about Water and Sewer Service:** The City's Engineer prepared cost estimates to extend water and sewer down the gravel road that extends south of 62nd Street and terminates adjacent to the Drew property. Cost estimates include sanitary sewer, watermain, erosion control and restoration of the gravel surface: \$214,607 / 6 Units = \$35,768 per unit. Bituminous Pavement Option: \$46,881 / 6 Units = \$7,814 per unit. Watermain looping down the 5th Street right of way which is 100% City expense is \$24,778.

Other options should be looked at to get resident costs down. This is the opportune time for something to be done before everyone updates their systems. The City can look at the 30% assessment Policy. The City must determine return on investment if the properties come into the city at this time. Another meeting will be held in the next few weeks for further discussion.

2. **E-Dispatching:** Fire Chief Rod Maetzold appeared before the Council to discuss E-Dispatching. Several Fire Departments in the County have purchased or are testing this new system. A computer and scanner are located at the station. When a page comes it is forwarded to the firefighter's cell phones. This becomes beneficial when just out of the paging area or when in an area that does not receive coverage such as a metal building etc. It would allow firefighters to come back to the City when there is a large fire/event. This would not take the place of the pager but technology may go this direction sometime in the future. Costs are approximately \$1,500 per year with no equipment to buy. There is a \$200 start up fee. Council agrees to let the Fire Department go ahead and subscribe to this service. The Fire Department will use fund raising efforts to pay for the balance of 2010. Funding for 2011 will be looked at in the 2011 budget.
3. **Review of 2011 Fee Schedule:** A \$500 call out fee for the Fire Department will be added into the fee schedule as well as Fire Apparatus rates (same as Watertown Fire Department to keep area charges uniform). It was suggested to also add a Truck fee under Public Works. The council will review the other fees and have an opportunity to make further comments at the next budget meeting.
4. **Capital Improvement Plan:** The Council reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan
5. **General Fund Budget 2011:** Administrator Murphy reviewed the preliminary General Fund Budget with the Council. Water and Sewer projections for 2011 were also reviewed. The Council will review and have further discussion at the next budget meeting.

- 6. Other Issues:** Mayor Capaul reported that the Fire Board has discussed moving from the Fair Share Formula to a per unit charge. Capaul is in favor of the per unit charge. It would cost the City more but keep steady expenses for years to come. The matter will be brought back to the next Council meeting.

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There being no further business, the work session ended at 9:00 p.m.

Chris Capaul, Mayor

Attest: _____
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk