

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES ó AUGUST 23, 2010

Call Regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Chris Capaul

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

ABSENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Nikki Larson, Ivan Raconteur, Paul Malberg and Vanessa Martinson.

The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION made by Council Member Taylor with a second by Council Member Osborn to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried 4/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden with a second by Council Member Taylor to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Motion Carried 4/0.

1. Approve Minutes of the August 9, 2010 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approve Minutes of the August 9, 2010 Work Session
3. Approve Additional Claims for August 2010
4. Approve the Sheriff Department's Report for the Month ending July 2010
5. Approve the Signatures on the Service Agreement for Joint Assessment with Carver County

STAFF REPORTS

1. **Public Works** ó Council reviewed report ending August 23, 2010
2. **City Engineer** ó David Martini presented a summary of the projects Bolton & Menk have been working on during the billing period June 12<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
3. **Sheriff's Department** ó Deputy Nelson reminded residents to keep their doors and vehicles locked. Watertown and New Germany have been hit with vandalism.
4. **City Administration** – The Council reviewed a report from July 26 ó August 20, 2010 outlining activities by the City Administrator.

Council Member Stieve-McPadden Arrives

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. **Request of Cooking Club** – Staff has been contacted by the Cooking club that uses the Community Center kitchen to cook to be able to store their pots in the kitchen and staff has denied their request. They are coming before the Council to appeal their request. Vanessa Martinson appeared before the Council to appeal the request to store equipment

at the Community Center. Their Cooking Club has been meeting for 3 years and is comprised of 6 people that cook 13 meals once a month within 3 hrs. They have other people interested in creating additional Clubs. They would like to store equipment (large bowls, pans etc.) at the Community Center so other groups could use, generating more revenue for the City. The Council discussed the issue. How many other groups could come to the City and request storage - the City needs to treat everyone fairly and asks if there is space to store this equipment. Should it be a function of the City to allow them to store items? With a lack of a MOTION the request was not granted at this time.

2. **Park Improvement Bond Term** ó At the last meeting, the Council passed a resolution to call for a bond project on improvements to Old Schoolhouse Park. Staff is now proceeding with the Architect to create documents for the project open houses. Direction from the Council is requested on the length of the term of the bonds so there is only one bond proposal to present to the public. Administrator Murphy presented two bond proposals, one for 15 years and another for 20 years. A MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Taylor to choose the 15 year Bond option to save on interest. Motion Carried 5/0
3. **Approval of the Change in Fire Department Fair Share Formula** – The Fire board is comprised of a member from each of the four townships we protect, the Mayor, Fire Chief, City Clerk and the Administrator. The purpose of the Fire Board is to review the operations and budget of the Fire Department. The City and the four Townships have had a Fair Share Formula that has been used to allocate budget expenses to each. From the formula, a percentage of the expenses for each entity are established. That percentage is then used to calculate each organization's percentage of the Fire Department budget. It has been proposed that the group change the formula and use a unit approach to the calculation of the percentage of the budget. The Fire Board is in agreement with the change in the formula. Staff is requesting approval of the change in the formula for the 2011 budget. A MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Oman to approve the change in the Fire Department Fair Share Formula to a per unit calculation as presented. Motion Carried 5/0

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Oman and seconded by Council Member Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Motion Carried 5/0

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Chris Capaul, Mayor

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