

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 14, 2019

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

PRESENT: Mayor Dodge, Council Members Boder, Butterfield, and McNeilly

ABSENT: Council Member Stieve-McPadden

STAFF: City Administrator McCallum, City Planner Anderson, and Deputy Clerk Gildemeister

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Stephen Young, Rod Maetzold, Zachary Stifter, Scott Theisen, Adam Maetzold, Anna Boote, David Weibel, Pat Esser, Tom Stifter, Cody Brunner, Andrew Herd, Debbie Herd, Vince Herd, Ann Herd, Andy Maetzold, Robert Carlson, Michael Sommerfeld, Kaye Timmers, Chad Heldt, Joel Landskroener, Les Hahn.

OATH OF OFFICE

City Administrator McCallum administered the oath of office to Mayor and City Council Members.

Mayor Michael Dodge takes oath of office for a second two-year term (2019-2021)

Nikki McNeilly takes oath of office for a second four-year term. (2019-2023)

Erick Boder takes oath of office for a second four-year term. (2019-2023)

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Council Member McNeilly with a second by Council Member Butterfield to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion Carried 4/0.

1. Approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approve the Minutes of the December 27, 2018 Special Council Meeting.
3. Approve Claims for the Months of December 2018 and January 2019. Check numbers 21970-22051, 50052, 5102E-5138E.
4. Acknowledge Fire Department Report for the Month of November 2018.
5. Acknowledge Sheriff's Department Report for the Month of November 2018.
6. Approve Contract for Planning Services with Municipal Development Group.
7. Approve Resolution 1-14-19-1 Hiring of Arich Juberian as a Volunteer Fire Fighter for the Mayer Fire Department.

RECOGNITIONS

City Council recognized Andrew Herd with a plaque and thanked him for his 25 years of service with the Mayer Fire Department. City of Mayer congratulated him on his retirement and wished him all the best.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. **Approve Ordinance 226-2019 Fee Schedule** – A MOTION to Approve Ordinance 226 2019 Fee Schedule with the change of Weed Fee to \$75 per hour, addition of Snow Shoveling Fee of \$75 per hour, and the removal of Misc. Labor line item, was made by Council Member Butterfield and seconded by Council Member McNeilly. Motion carried 4/0.

2. **Approve Resolution 1-14-19-2 2019 Fee Schedule Summary** – A MOTION to Approve Resolution 1-14-19-2 2019 Fee Schedule Summary of Ordinance 226 was made by Council Member McNeilly and seconded by Council Member Butterfield. Motion Carried 4/0.

3. **Approve Resolution 1-14-19-3 Mayer Lutheran High School Variance Request** – After much discussion, a MOTION was made by Council Member McNeilly and seconded by Council Member Butterfield to Approve Resolution 114-19-3 Mayer Lutheran High School Variance Request. Motion Carried 3/1 (*Boder a nay*).
 Mayor Dodge stated his concerns about the variance process and that it was his understanding that there needs to be a hardship or unique circumstance to approve a variance request. He stated that Council needs to send a “consistent message” and that he would prefer to change ordinances than grant variances.

4. **Approve Ordinance 227 Text Amendment Regarding Parking Pad Requirements** – The City of Mayer has initiated a review of language in relation to parking pads and the materials that parking pads are to be constructed of. Sections of the zoning ordinance proposed to be amended include Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 152: Zoning, Section 152.003 Definitions and Section 152.026 Driveway, Parking Area, and Hard Surface Improvements. On June 11, 2018, the City approved Ordinance 221 Text Amendment Regarding Vehicle Parking Requirements approving bituminous materials for parking pads. Since that time new gravel parking pads have been installed and City Council called for a new public hearing to discuss allowing semi-improved (gravel) surfaces. The topic was previously discussed at length at the joint Planning Commission/City Council meeting held on November 15, 2018 and at the November 19, 2018 City Council meeting. On January 2, 2019 Planning Commission voted to allow parking pads to be both unimproved (grass) and semi-improved (gravel). There continues to be disagreement as to whether parking pads should be allowed to be gravel or to keep the requirement of paving the parking pads, which has been City Code since 2006. Council listened to many different opinions and discussed at great lengths how to deal with residents that currently have gravel parking pads. The Council also discussed the maintenance of semi-improved (gravel) or un-improved (grass) and how difficult it would be to enforce. After much discussion, a MOTION to Approve Ordinance 227 with the removal of “un-improved (grass) as an approved surface” was made by Council Member McNeilly and seconded by Council Member Mayor Dodge. Motion failed 1/3 (*Dodge, Boder, & Butterfield a nay*).

Mayor Dodge continued the discussion and stated that he took the opportunity to drive around and count the number of gravel parking pads within the city limits. He informed Council that he saw 26 properties with improved surface parking pads compared to just 7 with gravel pads.

A MOTION to deny Ordinance 227 and keep the current Ordinance 221 as is, with the addition of language to “grandfather” all properties that currently have gravel parking pads on or before January 14, 2019 was made by Council Member Butterfield. Motion failed for lack of a second.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member McNeilly and seconded by Council Member Butterfield to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion Carried 4/0

Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: _____
 Janell Gildemeister, Deputy City Clerk