

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 23, 2019  
Call Regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Dodge

PRESENT: Mayor Dodge, Council Members Boder, and Butterfield  
ABSENT: Council Members McNeilly, and Stieve-McPadden  
STAFF: City Administrator McCallum, Public Works Kuntz, and Deputy Clerk Gildemeister  
ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Sheriff Bengtson, Ivan Raconteur, Don Wachholz, Manuel Marco, Lucah Tjosaas, Micah Tjosaas

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 Butterfield to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried 3/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Council Member Boder with a second by Council Member Butterfield to approve the Consent Agenda except for Fire Department Report which was moved to Regular Council Meeting for discussion. Motion Carried 3/0.

1. Approve Minutes of the September 9, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approve Minutes of the September 9, 2019 Council Workshop Meeting.
3. Approve Claims for the Month of September 2019. Check numbers 22506 to 22541. E-check numbers 5405E to 5413E. Bank check number 50097.
4. Acknowledge City Engineer Summary Report of Projects for the month of August 2019.
5. Acknowledge City Administrators Report for the Month of September 2019.
6. Acknowledge Public Works Report of Activities from August 23, 2019 to September 18, 2019.
7. Acknowledge Sheriff's Department Report for the Month of August 2019.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. **Discussion on Fire Department Report for the Month of August 2019** – Council Member Boder questioned why the Fire Department Minutes stated that the City shot down the building of new Fire Station and is concerned about the message communicated to the Volunteer Fire Fighter Staff and residents. The City approved a loan application at the August 12, 2019 Council Meeting. Council requested additional data from Fire Chief Maetzold for further discussion. No decision has been made by Council to date. Mayor Dodge directed Staff to find out what message was communicated by the Fire Department.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. **Approve Resolution 9-23-19-32 2020 Preliminary Budget** – Council previously reviewed the draft preliminary 2020 budget at the September 9, 2019 Workshop Meeting. City Administrator McCallum presented the preliminary budget, emphasizing a tax rate of 52% and the general operating expenditures in the amount of \$1,005,374.41.

Total Levy (General + Capital + Debt)	\$1,285,453.87
Fiscal Disparities	\$ 226,107.00
New Actual Levy	\$1,059,346.87
Actual (Projected) Tax Capacity	\$2,134,422.00
Fire Dept Contribution	\$ 96,240.00
Adjusted Tax Capacity	\$2,038,182.00
Actual (Projected) Tax Rate	52.00% (Actual Levy/Adjusted Tax Cap.)

After further discussion, Council Member Butterfield asked City Administrator, considering labor negotiation, if labor increases are reflected in the budget. Mayor Dodge wanted to know if the budget captures enough flexibility for unknowns. City Administrator McCallum stated labor increases have been factored in based on discussions and that there is plenty of wiggle room in the budget to shift funds to cover unknowns. A MOTION to Approve Resolution 9-23-19-32 2020 Preliminary Budget was made by Council Member Butterfield and seconded by Council Member Boder. Motion Carried 3/0.

*Council directed Staff to provide additional data and bring back for further discussion.*

PUBLIC WORKS

1. **Approve Road Repairs** – Public Works compiled a list of 61 manholes and 11 catch basins that need road repairs before the snow season. These repairs will prevent damage to manhole structures and plowing equipment. City Staff received two quotes and recommended the lowest bid from WM Mueller and Sons in the amount of \$17,782. A MOTION to Approve Road Repairs in the amount of \$17,782 by WM Mueller and Sons was made by Mayor Dodge and seconded by Council Member Boder. Motion carried 3/0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Council Member Butterfield informed Council of a Community Education meeting on October 10, 2019.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Butterfield to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Motion Carried 3/0

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Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janell Gildemeister, Deputy City Clerk