

MAYER COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES – JULY 11, 2022

Call Work Session to order at 6:38 p.m. by Mayor Dodge.

PRESENT: Mayor Dodge, Council Members Heldt, McNeilly, and Millender.

ABSENT: Council Member Wegner

STAFF: City Administrator McCallum and Deputy Clerk Gildemeister

ALSO PRESENT:

1. **Discussion on 62<sup>nd</sup> Street:** Interim city Administrator Ruch informed Council that she has been approached by property owners on 62<sup>nd</sup> Street requesting to be annexed into the City. There are six properties sandwiched between MLHS and Trumpy Land Development property. These properties are part of Waconia Township. Ruch stated that these properties are surrounded by land that is within the City limits of Mayer and asked Council to consider the annexation requests and provide Staff with direction. Council stated that they have been talking about the annexation of these properties for 15 years. Mayor Dodge stated the reason why the discussions have gone on so long is because the property owners must pay for everything and with only six properties to cover costs was of concern for these owners. City Engineer Martini provided feedback and stated that the scope of the project would be a significant cost to the residents. Mayor Dodge stated he feels that it is time to move forward, and Council agreed. Council directed Ruch to research each property to see when septic and water has last been updated. Council also directed Ruch to review the current annexation agreement. After some discussion on options for a tax abatement, Council agreed they will need to get creative.
2. **Discussion on Community Center Rental of Gym:** City Staff has requested direction from Council as to priority scheduling for gym use for Watertown-Mayer School District youth basketball and baseball. Outside clubs have requested use of the Community Center into 2023-2024. Council stated that youth sports should be scheduled for the current school year to give W-M Schools the opportunity to schedule first. Staff will reach out to coaches.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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Mike Dodge, Mayor

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