

City of Mayer

City Council Meeting Minutes for January 8th, 2024

Present: Mayor Dodge, Council Members McNeilly, Heldt, Wegner
Absent: Council Member Eley
Staff: City Administrator Nicholas Johnson
Fire Chief Andy Maetzold
Visitors: Tim and Jodi Markert

Opening Items

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Dodge.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Wegner and seconded by Heldt to approve the agenda as presented. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Public Comment Period

There were no attendees for public comment.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by McNeilly and seconded by Heldt to approve the consent agenda. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

1. Consider Approval of December 11th, 2023 City Council Minutes
2. Consider Approval of Claims for Payment (6963e to 6984e; 25574 to 25616)
3. Consider Approval of Staff Reports
4. Consider Adoption of Resolution Receiving a Donation from the Mayer Baseball Club
5. Consider Approval of Licenses and Permits Conditioned Upon Submission of All Necessary Documents and Payment
 - a. Heldt's Bar – Off Sale, On Sale, and Sunday Intoxicating Liquor
 - b. Knuckleheads – Off Sale, On Sale, and Sunday Intoxicating Liquor
 - c. Agave Mexican Restaurant – Off Sale, On Sale, and Sunday Intoxicating Liquor
 - d. Fill-me Up Convenience Store – Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor
 - e. Casey's – Off-Sale 3.2 Beer
 - f. Mayer Baseball Club – Wine/Strong Beer

Business Items

Consider Adoption of Ordinance 242 Amending the Fee Schedule – A motion was made by Wegner and seconded by Heldt to adopt Ordinance 242 amending the Fee Schedule. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Discussion of Hot Air Balloons in City Parks with Sky High Art; and Consider Introduction of Ordinance 243 Regulating Hot Air Balloons in City Parks – Tim and Jodi Markert of Robbinsdale, Minnesota visited Council to discuss their interest in launching their hot air balloons from City parks. The Markert family owns and operates Sky High Art which paints the exterior of and flies their hot air balloons. They wished to find a location west of the cities to

regularly launch from and believed the City’s parks would be an accommodating space. The Markert’s had contacted City Administrator Johnson and began work on regulatory framework as there were no ordinances or policies in place. Johnson drafted, and Council reviewed, Ordinance 243 which proposes new regulations for hot air balloons in City parks. A motion was made by Heldt and seconded by McNeilly to introduce Ordinance 243 regulating hot air balloons in City parks. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Consider Adoption of Resolution for 2024 Designations and Appointments – Council reviewed and discussed appointments for 2024. A motion was made by Heldt and seconded by McNeilly to adopt Resolution 2024-1 for 2024 designations and appointments. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Consider Approval to Authorize the Opening of the City Clerk Position for Hiring – Janell Gildemeister, former City Clerk, left employment with the City of Mayer as of December 27, 2023. The Personnel Committee met to review the job position and materials. City Administrator Johnson discussed the position advertisement and noted he made some minor changes to the job description. A motion was made by Wegner and seconded by Heldt to authorize the opening of the City Clerk position for hiring. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Consider Approval to Conditionally Hire Jeffrey Kokaisel to the Fire Department Pending Submission of All Required Paperwork – Jeffrey Kokaisel had applied to the City to join the Fire Department. City Administrator Johnson stated he had received all of the requisite paperwork as of the time of the meeting. A motion was made by Heldt and seconded by Wegner to approve hiring Jeffrey Kokaisel to the Fire Department pending submission of all required paperwork. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

City Council Reports

Council Member McNeilly reported on a Personnel Committee and the new Sidewalk Committee meetings. Mayor Dodge reported attending a Personnel Committee meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Wegner and seconded by McNeilly to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk