

## City of Mayer

### City Council Meeting Minutes for November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Present: Mayor Dodge, Council Members Wegner, McNeilly, Heldt, Fautsch  
Absent: None  
Staff: City Administrator Nicholas Johnson  
City Clerk Alicia Menzel  
Visitors: Matt Miller  
Gina Brethorst  
Esther Sepulveda  
Rafael Arreola

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

1. Consider Approval of November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 City Council Minutes
2. Consider Approval of November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 City Council Workshop Minutes
3. Consider Approval of Claims for Payment (7285e to 7294e; 26137 to 26157)
4. Consider Approval to Cancel December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 City Council Meeting
5. Consider Approval of Fire Department Officer Appointments

#### Business Items

**Consider Approval of On-Sale & Sunday Liquor Licenses for El Jimador Restaurant at 421 Ash Avenue North Contingent Upon Successful Completion and Submission of Paperwork** – City Administrator Johnson introduced the new owners of El Jimador which will be in the former Agave property. The Mayor and City Council welcomed them to the community and look forward to their grand opening. A motion was made by Heldt and seconded by McNeilly to approve the On-Sale & Sunday Liquor License for El Jimador Restaurant at 421 Ash Avenue North contingent upon successful completion and submission of paperwork. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

**Consider Approval of Carver County Sheriff's Contract for 2025** – City Administrator Johnson presented the updated contract with the regionalization with Watertown and New Germany. A motion was made by Wegner and seconded by Fautsch to approve the Carver

County Sheriff's Contract for 2025. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

**Consider Adoption of Ordinance 247 Regulating Cannabis Businesses** – City Administrator Johnson presented the updated Ordinance with the changes from the workshop. A motion was made by Heldt and seconded by McNeilly to adopt the Ordinance Regulating Cannabis Businesses. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

**Consider Approval to Amend Utility Bill Late Fee Calculation Methodology** – City Administrator Johnson brought this item back from the workshop. The new late fee will be applied to only the current bill and will not include anything that has already been assessed a late fee. A motion was made by Fautsch and seconded by McNeilly to amend the utility bill late fee calculation methodology. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

**Consider Approval to Waive Late Fees for Two Billing Cycles Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025** – City Administrator Johnson stated with the new utility due date the City Council desired to waive the late fee for two billing cycles to assist residents into the transition of the new due date of the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. A motion was made by Heldt and seconded by Wegner to waive late fees for two billing cycles beginning March 1, 2025. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

**Consider Approval to Implement Email Option for Utility Billing** – City Administrator Johnson said staff researched the ability to email out the utility bills. The start up cost is \$695.00 and \$195.00 for annual support with a minimum of \$25.00 covering 833 emails. A motion was made by Wegner and seconded by McNeilly to implement email option for utility billing. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

#### City Council Reports

Councilmember Heldt said the Park Board is having a coloring contest, home lighting contest and the tree lighting ceremony will be held December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Dodge congratulated the Mayer Lutheran High Volleyball on becoming State Champions.

#### Adjournment

A motion was made by Heldt and seconded by McNeilly to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.

Attest:

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Mayor

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City Clerk