

City of Mayer

City Council Meeting Minutes for September 23rd, 2024

Present: Mayor Dodge, Council Members Wegner, Heldt, Fautsch, McNeilly
Absent: None
Staff: City Administrator Nicholas Johnson
City Clerk Alicia Menzel
Visitors: Don Wachholz
Christie Larson, Southern Valley Alliance
Deb Parrish
Jennifer Ray
Al Sherwood

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

Public Comment Period

Jennifer Ray from Chanhassen came to speak to the City Council regarding absentee voting procedures held at Carver County. She hopes the City Council feels compelled to act and contact the County Commissioners. She wants the Carver County Commissioners to pass a resolution stating there will be vetted major party balance in all aspects of the voting process.

Al Sherwood from Chanhassen shared the same viewpoint as Jennifer. He is calling for Carver County to be more transparent with the absentee voting process.

Deb Parrish from Cologne shared the same viewpoints as Jennifer and Al and has concerns with the absentee voting process at Carver County.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Consider Approval of September 9th, 2024 City Council Minutes
2. Consider Approval of September 9th, 2024 City Council Workshop Minutes
3. Consider Approval of Claims for Payment (7221e to 7230e; 26011 to 26042)
4. Consider Approval to Decline Tort Liability Waiver
5. Consider Approval of 2nd Street Northwest Closure for Zion Lutheran Nativity Event on December 15th, 2024 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm

Business Items

Southern Valley Alliance Domestic Violence Awareness Presentation by Christie Larson – Southern Valley Alliance Executive Director Christie Larson gave an update on domestic

violence awareness month coming up in October. She reported the organization recently moved from Belle Plaine to Shakopee to be more centrally located to serve Scott and Carver Counties.

Consider Adoption of Ordinance 245 Amending City Code Chapter 71 Regarding Winter Parking Regulations – City Administrator Johnson reviewed the proposed ordinance changes regarding winter parking regulations. The existing ordinance holds winter parking regulations from November 1st to April 1st when there is an inch or more of snowfall. Outside of the date range, enforcement may occur when there is two inches or more of snowfall. The new ordinance language enforces winter parking regulations from November 1st to April 1st from 2:00am to 6:00am during any amount of snowfall. A motion was made by McNeilly and seconded by Heldt to adopt Ordinance 245 Regarding Winter Parking Regulations. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Consider Site Location Approval for Mayer Baseball Club Storage Shed – City Administrator Johnson discussed a request from the Mayer Baseball Club to construct a storage shed on City Hall property. The Mayer Baseball Club is facing increased storage costs as part of their operations. By relocating to City Hall property, the Baseball Club hopes to reduce their costs which results in more funding going out into the community. The requested location would be on the west side of the building outside of the community center exit double doors. The shed would be approximately 12’ by 20’ in size. Council Member Wegner disclosed she was a member of the Mayer Baseball Club Board but did not have any financial interest in this transaction. As such, there was no conflict of interest in voting. A motion was made by Fautsch and seconded by Heldt to approve the site location for the Mayer Baseball Club storage shed. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Consider Adoption of Resolution Adopting the 2025 Preliminary Levy and Budget – City Administrator Johnson briefly recapped the 2025 levy and budget. He reported there were no changes from the last meeting or from previous figures City Council had reviewed. The preliminary 2025 levy is a 2.11% decrease from the 2024 final levy amount. A motion was made by McNeilly and seconded by Heldt to adopt Resolution 2024-12 Adopting the 2025 Preliminary Levy and Budget. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

City Council Reports

Councilmember Heldt reminded everyone Music in the Park is this Saturday, September 28th, 2025.

Adjournment

A motion was made by McNeilly and seconded by Heldt to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk