

City of Mayer

City Council Workshop Minutes for September 23rd, 2024

Present: Mayor Dodge, Council Members Fautsch, Heldt, Wegner, McNeilly
Absent: None
Staff: City Administrator Nicholas Johnson
City Clerk Alicia Menzel
Visitors: Don Wachholz

Opening Items

The workshop was called to order by Mayor Dodge.

Workshop Discussion Items

Water Shut Off Ordinance Amendment – City Administrator Johnson reintroduced the proposed ordinance language changes to the water shut off procedures. City Council had requested information after the previous workshop and staff had followed up with those figures. The bulk of the conversation surrounded when utility bills would be due. Currently utility bills are due on the 1st of the month. However, penalties are not applied until after the 10th of the month. The resulting effect was the true due date being the 10th of the month. The City Council debated the pros and cons of changing the due date. The City Council discussed the timeline of the shut off process after implementation.

Minnesota Department of Commerce Solar on Public Buildings Grant Program

Participation for the Fire Station – City Administrator Johnson reported on a grant program through the Minnesota Department of Commerce to install solar panels on public buildings. The grant program would provide up to 90% funding to implement solar panels. Originally the fire station was viewed as the best location but a ballasted roof may present significant hurdles. The City currently participates in a solar garden rebate program through Xcel Energy. Existing locations with credits may need to have those shifted to create capacity room for an on-site solar panel system. Other potential locations include the wastewater treatment facility, water treatment facility, and city hall. Members of the City Council expressed concern over ground based solar panels near residential areas and schools.

Adjournment

The workshop was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk