

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 22, 2021

Call Regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Dodge.

PRESENT: Mayor Dodge, Council Members Boder, Heldt, and Millender

ABSENT: Council Member McNeilly

STAFF: City Administrator McCallum, City Engineer Martini, Public Works Lead Kuntz, Fire Chief I Andy Maetzold, Fire Chief II Rod Maetzold, and Deputy Clerk Gildemeister

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Suzi Poppler, Mike Poppler, Jeff Schultz, Scott Loomis.

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Todd Hagen

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Council Member Heldt with a second by Council Member Millender to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried 4/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Council Member Millender with a second by Council Member Heldt to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Public Works Summer Position from Consent Agenda and moved to Regular Agenda. Motion Carried 4/0.

1. Approve Minutes of the March 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approve Minutes of the March 8, 2021 Workshop Council Meeting.
3. Approve Claims for the Month of March 2021. Check numbers 23646 to 23678. E-check numbers 5954 to 5963. ADP assigned check number 50187.
4. Acknowledge City Administrators Report for the Month of March 2021.
5. Acknowledge Public Works Report of Activities from February 19, 2021 to March 18, 2021.
6. Acknowledge Sheriff's Department Report for the Month of February 2021.
7. Acknowledge City Engineer Summary Report of Projects for February 2021.
8. Acknowledge Fire Department Report for the Month of February 2021.
9. Approve Resolution 3-22-21-8 Transfer Fire Station Project Fund to Fire Capital Account.
10. Approve Resolution 3-22-21-9 Transfer Fund Balance into Capital Accounts.

PUBLIC HEARING – *Opened at 6:32 p.m.*

To approve or deny Resolution 3-22-21-10 Public Right of Way Vacation Known as Park Point. To approve or deny Resolution 3-22-21-11 Final Planned Unit Development (PUD) for Coldwater Crossing 8th Addition. To approve or deny Resolution 3-22-21-12 Final Plat Known as Coldwater Crossing 8th Addition.

City Administrator McCallum addressed Council and audience stating that the first part of the Coldwater Crossing 8th Addition discussion tonight is the public hearing related to the right-of-way vacation of Park Point. City Council is being asked to consider several things related to the Coldwater Crossing 8th Addition application. The applicant Loomis Development LLC, with the permission of the property owner Coldwater X LLC, has put in a request to go through the process of setting up the 8th Addition of Coldwater Crossing for the development of residential lots.

McCallum provided a history of the property: Approximately 17 years ago a preliminary plat was planned for Coldwater Crossing 8th Addition. Since then, the plat has expired, and no extension was asked for. The original

owner, 17 years ago, had lost the property to the bank who then sold it to the current owner, Coldwater X LLC. In September of 2018, the developer or the owner, Coldwater X LLC, presented a preliminary plat and preliminary Planned Unit Development (PUD) plan to Council. The final PUD plan which included the vacation of Park Point was never brought back to the Council for final approval. However, the developer did file several extensions on this project.

Council was asked to view an aerial map of Coldwater Crossing Development and the preliminary plat that was approved for Coldwater Crossing 8th Addition.

McCallum (*providing an overview of the map*) stated that the plat included 96 single-family lots with 7 out lots. Loomis Development LLC is requesting final plat approval on 32 of the 96 lots that were approved with the preliminary plat back in 2018. All 32 lots in the 8th Addition final plat were previously graded and ready for streets and utilities 17 years ago. The applicant has applied for a PUD that allows the lots to match the development of 17 years ago. Since then, the City of Mayer has changed its code to require lots to be 85 feet wide. By allowing the filing for a PUD, it allows the lots to be consistent with the old addition which is 75 feet. Two out lots (A and B) would be included with this final 8th Addition plat. Out lot A would be retained by the owner for future development and out lot B would be deeded to the City of Mayer for storm water management purposes. Street access will come from two different points for this phase. The first entrance is Riverbend Trail which will continue into the project and loop back around to Coldwater Crossing, the second entrance. Three stubs for future street extensions are also shown on the plat map. McCallum stated that at the January 5th, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting, the members voted to recommend final approval of the final plat PUD plan and the vacation of the public right-of-way of Park Point. The PUD would allow for different lot standards in the City code. It would also allow for a variation of 50 feet in the street right-of-way, except for the extension of 7th Street Northwest.

McCallum informed Council of findings: No comments have been received from any residents that were notified, but there could be some comments tonight. No parkland dedication is required with this plat because that has already been met with prior phases of Coldwater Crossing. Under this PUD, the right-of-way for the streets, would be 50 feet wide which is consistent with the development 17 years ago. Right now, the requirements per the subdivision ordinance is 60 feet. 7th Street Northwest is proposed to be 60 feet wide since it is expected to be a third entrance to the development, it would be a minor collector street. This would be a variation from the preliminary plat because minor collector streets are normally 70 feet. As part of the approval process, the street vacation of Park Point has been requested by the applicant. When Coldwater Crossing 2nd Addition was platted, the area called Park Point was part of the original plat and was expected to be a street extension at some point. However, in the new layout the access has shifted westward. Due to that change in the location of the street, the right-of-way will need to be vacated and that requires a public hearing, which we're doing at this moment. Staff supports the vacation of Park Point and is asking as part of the Coldwater Crossing 8th Addition, to approve the vacation of Park Point. If approved, we will move forward with the other parts of the Coldwater Crossing Development approval process.

Discussion continued while viewing the aerial map of Coldwater Crossing Development and the preliminary plat that was approved for Coldwater Crossing 8th Addition.

Mayor Dodge: Page 5. McCallum correct me if I'm wrong, right now there's a stub in right about here for this road and we want to vacate that and move it over here, correct?

McCallum: Correct.

Dodge: So right now, this is right away public access and we're vacating that stub because the cul-de-sac has now moved? Anyone have any comments on it, any concerns that they want to voice?

Millender: I had an issue with the referral. It might be a technicality, but they kept saying in the literature, 17 years versus the 2018 and I could not find the “17 year ago” plat. So, I went out and walked it. So, where the stub was is where that cul-de-sac was going to end up. I thought that was interesting because they talked about how the grading was already there and that every is supposed to fit together like a puzzle, which is not really true. They are going to have to regrade the whole thing to put the new cul-de-sac in where it fits on that 60-foot road.

McCallum: The City Planner was not able to attend tonight but I think what he meant was that most of the preliminary, like the residential lots, were graded as well as the streets. I am thinking that there will have to be some regrading of that area.

Millender: Believe me, they are going to have to regrade for that cul-de-sac. That is just one of the minor points of the “17 versus the 2018”. Are the minimum standards the same now as they were back in 2018?

McCallum: Are you saying that they are the same?

Millender: So, they use the plat like it was planned back 17 years ago with the minimum being 75 feet and is now 85 feet. The street was 50 feet and is now 70 feet I think this somewhat misleading.

McCallum: I can only answer basic questions. I do not exactly know what the “17 years ago plat” was but I believe what the City Planner meant is that, as part of this approval process to be consistent with how it was planned years ago, the applicant must request a PUD to allow flexibility in those standards. Based on our current subdivision ordinance we require 85 feet for lots and 60 feet for streets. So, to be consistent with “17 years ago plat” they must apply for a PUD to be able to negotiate the different sizes to be consistent with how the development was designed in the past.

Millender: That's what I am trying to say, this is a different design then 17 years ago.

McCallum: It is different.

Millender: There we go. That's what I wanted to hear.

McCallum: I'm trying to understand what you are asking. I'm not trying to work against you. I'm trying to be transparent.

Millender: That's one thing I wanted to hear. The second one was that I don't know why we're changing the standards?

Mayor Dodge asked City Engineer Martini to clarify and answer Council Member Millender's questions.

Martini: So back to what what's the same and what's different.

Let us look at an aerial of the city. Here you kind of see the way it was laid out because it's all been graded out. This road is in there, some of these stubs are in there, the vacation is right in here. The cul-de-sac you talked about is one of the things that's changed since that originally was put together when the City had required this outlot. 7th Street was never part of the original layout of the development. So that's one thing that changed. When you look at getting that road up there, kind of changes the way you can configure those lots to fit in there and so that's part of the reason for the vacation and reconfiguring. This piece up here is to provide for that road connection. Some of the other things that have changed since then to the point of the lot sizes and trying to use what's already been graded and the work that's already been done out there, sets those lot sizes and what you can fit in there. Part of the reason for the PUD is to go back to make this work as much as we can, given the time frame that it was originally constructed. Some things we've learned along the way: the ponds now are going to be in City outlots where they used to be in easements. We have changed the plat to make sure the City owns and can maintain the ponds. The other thing is we'll see some easements that come here where we're going to have install storm pipes. Now we've got to dedicate where it would be in the easement on a planned lot. now we provide that easement that connects to our outlot that we want to maintain. We had to make some of those changes to make it easier to take care of and to maintain it long term. It is this combination of trying to get it up to date based on our current standards and things we've learned from past developments and trying to use what has already been constructed. The best fit.

Millender: The 50-foot road, River Bend Trail, isn't that kind of narrow for the traffic that is going to use this road and if let's say, two cars are parked on each side of the street is that going to be a hassle? And I've got to ask the fire department since they're here, with equipment getting bigger and bigger, isn't that going to be a hassle too?

Martini: The width of the road does not impact the traffic. The right-of-way is 50 feet, so that impacts the corridor that we have put the utilities in, such as the cable, gas, and all those things that fit in the right of way with our water and sewer. The actual road with curb and gutter doesn't change depending on the right of width. They will be the same width as the other streets in Coldwater Crossing Development.

Millender: What will the curb to curb be on River Bend Trail and 7th Street?

Martini: I don't know if I have that off the top of my head. Maggie, do you have that?

McCallum: No. I just wanted to clarify too because Larry, you are correct that it doesn't match the "17 years ago plat" but it matches the preliminary plat that was approved in 2018.

Martini: So again, to your point, it's kind of this combination of trying to address things to get to current standards, address some of the lessons learned of the past, but acknowledging that this development has been graded already and they're trying to not have to redo the grading. It was originally laid out with the 50-foot right of way and if you make it 60 feet, you start ending up with lot size issues and kind of going back to the drawing board.

Dodge: Council Member Larry does that answer your questions?

Millender: Sure, for now.

Dodge: Okay, we will keep moving with the Public Hearing and we can discuss more of this when we discuss Resolution 3-22-21-11 PUD and Resolution 3-22-21-12 Final Plat & Development Agreement. Any other questions or comments that anyone would like to bring forward during the Public Hearing on the vacation of Park Point? McCallum, you had indicated there were no phone calls or emails regarding the vacation?

McCallum: Correct.

Dodge: With that, we'll close the Public Hearing at 6:50 p.m. and look for a motion.

A MOTION to approve Resolution 3-22-21-10 Right of Way Vacation of Park Point was made by Council Member Heldt and seconded by Council Member Boder. Motion carried 4/0.

ADMINISTRATION

- 1. Approve Resolution 3-22-21-11 Final Planned Unit Development (PUD) for Coldwater Crossing 8th Addition** – City Administrator McCallum had previously provided a project history and summary of the Preliminary PUD for the Coldwater Crossing 8th Addition and recommended Council approve resolution 3-22-11-21 Final PUD. She stated the PUD will give the applicant the ability to be flexible with planning for development. In this case, the applicant is requesting the City be consistent with the previous platting for Coldwater Crossing Development and the requirements for an R-1 Low Density Residential District with these exceptions: lot sizes would be allowed to be 75 feet wide instead of the 85 feet; right of way width of in the Coldwater Crossing 8th Addition final plat would be allowed to be 50 feet wide for River Bend Trail, Hickory Lane, and Timber Drive instead of 60 feet; and the right of way width of 7th Street NW would be 60 feet instead of 70 feet. City Engineer Martini recommended approval of the PUD with six (6) conditions listed in resolution 3-22-21-11. A MOTION to approve Resolution 3-22-21-11 Final Planned Unit Development (PUD) for Coldwater Crossing 8th Addition was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Heldt. Motion carried 4/0.
- 2. Approve Resolution 3-22-21-12 Coldwater Crossing 8th Addition Final Plat & Development Agreement** –A MOTION to approve Resolution 3-22-21-13 Final Plat with 24 conditions from the City was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Heldt. Motion Carried 4/0.

A MOTION to approve Resolution 3-2-21-12 Development Agreement with 24 conditions from the City was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Heldt. Motion carried 4/0.

3. **2020 Audit Report by Abdo, Eick & Meyer** – Steve McDonald presented a summary and opinion to Council.
4. **Discussion on Smart Water Program Participation** – City Administrator McCallum recommended approval of the draft participation agreement with Carver County for the Smart Water Program. McCallum provided Council with some background information. She stated that Rachio, the company promoting the Smart Water Meters will set up a website and manage invoicing, direct contact, customer support etc. She stated that there will be a onetime set up fee for Carver County in the amount of \$5000. Each participating city would pay \$200 to \$500. Council asked what the next step for the City of Mayer would be. McCallum stated that Carver County is still working on the final agreement with Rachio and if the City chooses to participate, the City would be responsible for marketing and notifying the residents. Council Member Heldt asked Staff if someone could provide Council with a demonstration or videos. Mayor Dodge directed Staff to acquire information on what the return on investment would be.
8-Zone Controller Option will cost \$169.99 (market value \$229.00)
16-Zone Controller Option will cost \$189.99 (market value \$279.00)
Council agreed this program was very beneficial to the resident and agreed to contribute an additional \$1000, offering an extra \$20.00 savings for the first 50 controllers sold.
A MOTION to approve Smart Water Program Participation Agreement with Carver County and contribute \$1500 to fund the program for the City of Mayer, delegating up to \$500 for the City’s setup fee and a \$20 discount for the first 50 controllers (\$1000) purchased by residents was made by Council Member Millender and seconded by Council Member Heldt. Motion carried 3/1. Council Member Boder a nay.
5. **Discussion on Approval of Public Works Summer Position** – Council Member Millender asked to pull this topic from Consent Agenda for discussion. Council Member Millender stated the only issue he had was with the minimum qualification of 18 years of age. Millender asked why it cannot be lowered to 16 years of age. City Administrator McCallum stated that the City discussed this two years ago and because of insurance liabilities on the operating of Public Works equipment the minimum age had to be 18. Millender stated that in 2020 the child labor laws were changed. McCallum stated she was not aware of the change. Public Works Lead Kuntz shared that this topic has come up at Public Works Committee Meetings with other cities and from what he understands, the LMC says the seasonal employee can operate equipment but if they operate a vehicle on the road, the league may not cover the City. For instance, if they are driving the mower down the road and get hit by a car. Millender stated he would still like Staff to research the League of Minnesota and state statutes. A MOTION to approve Public Works Summer Position with the one stipulation of the minimum age qualification was made by Council Member Millender and seconded by Council Member Heldt. Motion carried 4/0.

ENGINEERING

1. **2021 Street Project Bid Results & Pre-Sale Report** – City Administrator McCallum provided a summary for Council and stated that the City of Mayer is in its second year of 2021 Street Improvement Plan, consisting of the reconstruction of 3rd Street and 5th Street from Bluejay to approximately 250 Ridge Road. As part of this project curb and gutter would be added, and the replacement of sanitary sewers and water mains. On December 28, 2020, City Council approved the feasibility study which estimated the project to be \$1,486,2139.00. City Engineer Martini informed Council that he received 10 bids for the construction portions of the project with bids ranging from the lowest at \$959,730.75 to the highest at \$1,373,830.23. Martini stated the construction portion of the project was estimated to be approximately \$1,100,000.00, however, the bids came in lower than estimated. If the City accepts the lowest bid at \$959,730.75 from

Molitor Excavating, the City will see a reduction in cost of \$140,269.25 with the total project estimated to cost \$1,250,000.00. McCallum proposed that the City pay \$17,281.25 for parking on 3rd Street out of cash, \$312,048.38 for water and sewer out of the enterprise fund, and bond for \$930,000.00 for the rest of the project.

Todd Hagen with Ehlers & Associates was present via zoom to review the findings of the Pre-Sale Report for the 2021 Street Project. Mr. Hagen asked Council to accept the Pre-Sale Report and Resolution 3-22-21-13 providing for the Sale of \$930,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021B which would allow Ehlers & Associates to assist the City with selling the bonds. If Council approves, Ehlers & Associates will open bids on April 22, 2021, and bring back bids to the April 26, 2021 Council Meeting. Lastly, Mr. Hagen asked Council to review and accept Resolution 3-22-21-14 authorizing the City to enter into a Credit Enhancement Program Agreement with the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority to move from a “AA” bond rating to a “AAA” bond rating which should get the City the lowest interest rating possible.

2. **Approve Resolution 3-22-21-13 Authorizing the Sale of Series 2021B General Obligation Bonds - A MOTION** to approve Resolution 3-22-21-13 authorizing the sale of Series 2021B General Obligation Bonds was made by Council Member Heldt and seconded by Council Member Millender. Motion carried 4/0.
3. **Approve Resolution 3-22-21-14 Authorizing Credit Enhancement Program Agreement –A MOTION** to approve Resolution 3-22-21-14 authorizing Credit Enhancement Program Agreement was made by Council Member Millender and seconded by Council Member Heldt. Motion Carried 4/0.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. **Approve the Purchase of a Wheel Loader** – Public Works Lead Kyle Kuntz presented a Power Point to Council highlighting why Public Works needs a new Wheel Loader. A Wheel Loader is a heavy construction piece of equipment that will make current Public Works tasks more efficient by allowing one Public Works employee to do a greater amount of work than what they would be able to do with just a skid loader. Will make Snow removal more efficient and they would be able to clear Downtown, cul-de-sacs, and parking lots quicker. Public Works will be able maintain the Compost site in a matter of hours instead of days. With the correct piece of equipment, the City can start producing a better-quality compost, pushing up the brush, turned windrow composting, and mix/turn the whole windrow once to twice a week. Compost can be given away to residents and used for projects in our City parks. In the past the City has had a contractor operate the compost site. Public Works will be able load, remove, and haul much more safely and efficiently. The loader will be able to load rock, blacktop, salt, sand, sweepings, and other miscellaneous materials faster than the skid loader. Public Works will be able to use the loader to load the dump trucks in one location and have the skid loader leveling and working with the material in the final location instead of having to load the dump trucks with only the skid loader. With the 3-yard bucket Staff can transport material from place to place. With the approved manlift attachment Public Works can use the machine to install holiday decorations and banners more safely and efficiently without having to go up and down a ladder. The loader will be used for miscellaneous park, road, and storm water projects, emergency response, snow removal, water main breaks, clear roads of debris after a severe weather event, assist in flooding events, sand bagging, moving pumps into place, etc. Kuntz stated this would be the last piece of machinery until City grows significantly. Kuntz ask Council to approve the purchase of a loader and attachments around \$185,000 to \$200,000. All pricing is off state bid pricing which is anywhere between a 30% to 41% discount. Council asked City Administrator to confirm the financials. McCallum stated that \$50,000 is budgeted for 2021 and existing \$55,000 is currently in the fund, leaving \$75,000 to be levied toward the purchase of this equipment. McCallum also stated that the Hwy 25 reimbursement and compost grant will

be utilized toward the purchase of a loader. Mayor Dodge asked Public Works to look into a group discount with other communities who are looking to purchase the same equipment. Kyle stated that with the State bid, he does not think they can offer a discount. Mayor Dodge asked for a motion.

A MOTION to approve the purchase of a Wheel Loader was made by Mayor Dodge and seconded by Council Member Heldt. Motion carried 4/0.

After the motion Council had further discussion. Mayor Dodge had questions with State Financing and felt the State should be able to contribute more financially. He directed Staff to contact the State and look deeper into this item. Mayor Dodge stated that Public Works will need to make sure if the loader is being purchased for compost that its residents see the benefits. Council Member Millender stated City Administrator McCallum is going to have to be creative with snow removal scheduling. Millender asked McCallum to draft a Snow removal policy and provide a map with plow routes for residents.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. **Approve Epoxy Flooring for Fire Station** – City Administrator McCallum brought back to Council for discussion, epoxy flooring for the Fire Station. At the December 2020 Council Meeting a motion was made to eliminate the epoxy floors in the offices and meeting room and purchase carpet for an amount Not to Exceed \$10,000. Council Member Boder asked for clarification on who decided to do remove the epoxy floors from the bid and put it in as an alternate. McCallum stated it was the Fire Department. Boder asked for clarification and thought originally the Fire Department was going to have and they were fine with having sealed concrete. McCallum stated that was correct. Boder asked for clarification that it was the Fire Department who decided that carpet was not important and not Council. McCallum stated that was correct. At the December meeting a quote in the amount of \$41,064.50 was approved for epoxy flooring in the bays and storage area. Since then, McCallum put in an epoxy floor change order request for bays, storage, locker areas, hallway, and additional rooms. The quote for all the areas came in at \$56,477.00. McCallum stated that since this is over what the Council approved it needed to be brought back for discussion. Mayor Dodge clarified that Council is not adding anything new tonight and all the mentioned items have already been discussed and approved. The bid originally came in at \$41,064.50 and is now \$56,477.00.

Boder asked if there was a savings on the carpet and if the carpet was the same quality. Fire Chief Andy Maetzold confirmed the carpet bid came in lower and the quality of carpet was the same. Boder asked what the cost is up to now for the Fire Station with the items Council is adding tonight? 3.6 million? So, the operating budget is 3.6 million dollars? A million dollars a year? McCallum confirmed it is just over a million dollars a year. Boder averred that he was ashamed of fire administration with the way the Fire Station has been designed and stated it is a shell game.

A MOTION to increase epoxy flooring by \$15,312.50 for a total of \$56,477.00 to epoxy the approved areas for the Fire Station was made by Council Member Millender and seconded by Council Member Heldt. Motion carried 3/1. *Council Member Boder a nay.*

Mayor Dodge stated he is in favor of this because of the estimates.

2. **Approve Generator for Fire Station** – City Administrator McCallum opened discussion and reminded Council that the generator is also a change order request. McCallum stated Council tabled discussion on the generator at a previous Council Meeting and was brought back to a Workshop Meeting. At that time, two estimates were received which did not include the gas connections, concrete slab, or fencing. The change order request with BCI Construction, to price out the generator included a 130 KW Generator for \$58,993.00, a fence for \$7,500.00, a concrete pad for \$5,730.00, and gas connection for \$2,885.00. The total cost for the purchase and installation came in at \$78,863.00. Staff asked Council for direction on whether to

move forward with the generator as part of the project or wait until after the project is completed to add because the generator was not included in the overall budget. McCallum recommended using funds from the Fire Department Capital Fund which currently sits at approximately \$493,000.00. Mayor Dodge asked what side of the Fire Station the generator would be located. McCallum stated on the west side. Council Member Heldt asked why the fence cost \$7,500.00 and if some of these items could be complete by the City. McCallum stated that is Council did not accept the change order the City could contract out separately. After much discussion, on the architect proposal and what quotes were presented to Council and the costs, Mayor Dodge stated there is still much confusion on the quotes. Dodge directed Staff to provide the cost included in the architect proposal for installation of the components and accessories specifically for the generator. Council Member Heldt asked if the cost of the generator would come out of the contingency fund. McCallum clarified that the funds for the generator will come out of the Fire Department Fund

A MOTION to accept the change order with the funds coming out of the Fire Department Capital Fund was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Mayor Dodge for discussion.

Council Member Millender disagreed with the cost of the fence and Council Member Heldt agreed. Council did not like to see a markup on the generator but agreed that having the generator installed as part of the whole project has its advantages. Dodge also agreed there is no need to have a fence and the City can install pylons just like the generator at City Hall. Dodge stated he is still confused on what is being installed at the Fire Station, originally hearing figures of \$40,000 to \$50,000 worth of work and now he is hearing \$2,500. Dodge directed McCallum to tie off with Corey Brunton and get clarification.

Council Member Boder amended his previous motion to remove the fence from the change order. A MOTION to accept the change order removing the fence line item and the funds to come out of the Fire Department Capital Fund was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Mayor Dodge. Motion carried 4/0.

Council Member Millender asked if \$130,000 is enough and if this number was from the architect. McCallum stated yes.

- 3. Approve Desks, Tables, and Chairs for Fire Station** - Fire Department is recommending the purchase of 5 desks, 5 hutches, 2 credenzas for in the three offices and 52 stackable chairs and 27 training tables for a total of \$18,018.00. Council previously approved \$150,591.58 for fixtures, furniture, and equipment (ffe) at the December 21, 2020 Special Council Meeting. City Administrator McCallum stated that the purchase of desks, tables, and chairs for the Fire Station would bring the project cost \$8,018.00 over the remaining ffe amount of \$10,000.00. Mayor Dodge asked if these items were on the approve list. McCallum stated yes. Fire Chief Andy Maetzold asked if Council would allow the Fire Department to use the remaining \$10,000 in ffe funds for the purchase of the desks, table, and chairs, and pull the rest from the baseball donations. Mayor Dodge stated he is having an issue with this one. He stated he did not see the need for 5 desks for three offices and asked who would use those desks. Stated, why do you need 52 chairs for 30 Volunteer Fire Fighters and felt that a rack of chairs could be borrowed for the Community Center for a couple of years. He stated that this money could be used to benefit the community in other ways and stated the Fire Departments spending is getting out of hand. All the expenses are creeping little by little and are adding up. Council Member Millender asked what the 212 fund is for and is it donations from pull tabs. McCallum stated the 212 fund is for donations for the Fire Department from the Mayer Baseball Club. Council stated that moving forward, the Fire Department could earmark how the donated funds from the pull tabs could be used but the current funds are not earmarked, and it is the Council who makes the discission on how to spend the funds. Mayor Dodge stated he agreed these items are needed but the cost of items just keep creeping higher. Council Member Millender shared that in his opinion the donations should be able to be

used by the Fire Department at their discretion. A MOTION to increase FFE Fund for desks, tables, and chairs to \$18,018.00 which will exceed the approved amount of \$150,591.58 was made by Council Member Heldt and seconded by Council Member Millender.

Motion failed 2/2. *Mayor Dodge and Council Member Boder a nay*

4. **Authorize Concept Training Containers for Fire Department** – Fire Chief Maetzold asked Council for approval to purchase three dry freight containers from Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for free. The City would have to pay for shipping them to site. The Fire Department would like to strategically on the new Fire Station site to create a training space. The City Planner reviewed the location concept and stated that the containers are allowed in the industrial district but would require fencing. Council liked the idea of these training containers and directed Staff to move forward with the pricing on delivery of the containers and fencing.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Council Member Millender stated he will be attending a Watertown Mayor meeting next month.
- Council Member Heldt stated that he will be attending the Park Board Meeting tomorrow to have continued discussions on park signage and splash pad. They will also be discussing the MRCF. Millender asked Heldt if the new grind box has metal edging because he did not see any on the new equipment. Public Works did install the metal edging on the new grind box.
- Mayor Dodge stated he attended a Public Works Meeting.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- Acknowledge minutes of the March 9, 2021 Park Board Meeting.

CLOSED SESSION at 8:55 p.m.

The purpose of the closed meeting was to meet in Closed Session, permitted under Minnesota State Statute 13D.05, subd. 3(a) for the purpose of conducting the City Administrator's annual performance review.

Mayor Dodge re-opened the Regular Council Meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Per statute Mayor Dodge gave an overview of the business from the closed session as follows "The intent of the closed session was to provide the City Administrator with the tool needed to be successful and meet the requirements of the city council."

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Heldt to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion Carried 4/0.

Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Janell Gildemeister, Deputy Clerk MCMC