

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WEBINAR ZOOM MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 27, 2020  
Call Regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Dodge

PRESENT FOR VIDEO MEETING: Mayor Dodge, Council Members Boder, Butterfield, McNeilly, and Stieve-McPadden

ABSENT:

STAFF: City Administrator McCallum, Deputy Clerk Gildemeister, and City Engineer Martini

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Jodie Murray, Todd Hagen, Andy Bright, Jason Hartman, Bev Mathiasen, Diane Langenback

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Council Member Butterfield with a second by Council Member Stieve-McPadden to approve the agenda with the addition of Compost Site Discussion. Motion Carried 5/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Council Member McNeilly with a second by Council Member Stieve-McPadden to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion Carried 5/0.

1. Approve the Minutes of the April 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.
2. Approve Claims for the Month of March and June 2020. Check numbers 22951 to 22974. E-check numbers 5638 to 5645.
3. Acknowledge Fire Department Report for the Month of March 2020.
4. Acknowledge Sheriff's Department Report for the Month of March 2020.
5. Acknowledge Engineer's Report of projects for the Month of March 2020.
6. Acknowledge City Administrator's Report for the Month of April 2020.
7. Acknowledge Public Works Report of activities from March 20, 2020 to April 22, 2020.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. **Approve Garbage Services Request for Proposal (RFP)** – City Administrator McCallum opened discussion with a brief review of the City's current garbage service with Republic Services (originally Elite Waste Disposal) that will end on August 31, 2020. The City publicizes Request for Proposal (RFP) and received proposals from Waste Management, Randy's Sanitation, and Republic Services. City Administrator McCallum briefly reviewed the breakdown of each provider's services for Council.

City Administrator introduced each representative: Jason Hartman with Waste Management, Andy Bright with Randy's Sanitation, and Bev Mathiasen with Republic Services. Andy Bright was asked to explain Randy's Sanitation Blue Bag Organics Program. Bev Mathiasen commented that Republic Services would not offer an organic program because there is "not enough participation". Jason Hartman stated that Waste Management offers a drop-site organics program. Council also asked each representative about their leaf pick-up services. Waste Management offers curbside pick-up from mid-April to mid-November at a minimal fee, or a onetime leaf bin service for \$70.

Randy's Sanitation offers curbside leaf pick-up from mid-April to mid-November or a one day pickup in the fall. Cost is included in quarterly billing. Republic Services offers either curbside leaf pick-up or the onetime Spring cleanup day. Being no further questions from Council, a MOTION to accept RFP from Waste Management and authorize Staff to move forward with drafting a contract was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Boder. Motion carried 4/1. *Council Member Butterfield a nay.*

2. **Approve Water Tower Rehabilitation Financing and Authorize Sending the Project out for Bidding** – In October 2019, Council authorized Bolton & Menk to prepare plans and specifications for a Tower Rehabilitation Project that includes sandblasting, surface repairs, and painting of the exterior. City Engineer Martini requested authorization to advertise and bid the project. Mr. Martini stated that to ensure the City receives the best and most competitive bids possible, Staff is recommending a bid alternate that allows the Contractor to either complete the work in the fall 2020 or spring 2021. The project cost is estimated to come in around \$410,000.00. The City currently can pay cash for this project with funds in the Capital Improvement Reserve Water Fund. Another option for financing the project would be to seek out a bond to finance the project. Council agreed on the cash option. A MOTION to approve Water Tower Rehabilitation by using the Capital Improvement Reserve Water fund and to authorize Bolton & Menk to publicize for fall and spring bids was made by Council Member and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden. Motion carried 5/0.
3. **2020 MnDot Highway 25 Project Update** – Diane Langenback, MnDot Engineer, presented an update on the 2020 Highway 25 project within Mayer and between Mayer and Watertown. Mayer-MN Dot will construct a sidewalk from 5<sup>th</sup> Street NE to 7<sup>th</sup> Street NE at the roundabout. Upgrade sidewalks to comply with ADA between 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE and 5<sup>th</sup> Street NE. Resurface Highway 25 from 1<sup>st</sup> Street/County Road 30 to State Street in Watertown. MN Dot Engineer Langenback informed Council that there have been some delays, but they will not affect Mayer and stated that the project is scheduled to start in August of 2020. She informed Council that there may be some additional costs for utilities (gate valves and hydrants) and crosswalk redesign. Council thanked Diane for her update. Mayor Dodge directed Staff to add discussion about utilities and Hwy 25 to a future Council Workshop meeting.
4. **Fire Station Financing Option** - Council continues to have ongoing discussion on a new Fire Station building and needs to determine which method it will use to finance the project and keep the project moving forward. Council discussed financing options with the guidance of Todd Hagen, financial advisor with Ehlers. The project is projected to be about \$3,148,210. Todd Hagen explained that cities can choose to finance new building projects in a variety of ways, including using dedicated funds, specific revenue streams, and the general tax levy (bonds). Mr. Hagen laid out three financing options: General Obligation Bond, Lease Revenue, or USDA Loan. After some discussion, Council agreed that going with a G.O. Bond was the best option. A MOTION to authorize Staff to work with Ehlers on Fire Station G.O. Bond financing was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Butterfield. Motion carried 5/0.

5. **Approve Repair of Mayer Fire Department 1989 Tanker** – A MOTION to approve the repair of the Mayer Fire Department 1989 Tanker for \$5,000 was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member McNeilly. Motion carried 5/0.
6. **Approve Purchase of Carver County Sheriff’s Department Extra Shift Option** – Council agreed to save the funds due to the unknowns with the Coronavirus Pandemic.
7. **Approve the Opening of Carver County Recycling Center and Mayer Compost Site** – Carver County Environmental Board will be discussing the opening of Carver County Recycling sites by May 2, 2020. A MOTION to approve the opening of Mayer Compost Site/Carver County Recycling on May 2, 2020 and resume regular schedule per Carver County’s decision was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Butterfield. Motion carried 5/0.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member McNeilly to adjourn the meeting at 7: p.m. Motion Carried 5/0.

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Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janell Gildemeister, Deputy Clerk MCMC