

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – MAY 10, 2021

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

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

ABSENT:

STAFF: City Administrator McCallum, Public Works Kuntz, and Deputy Clerk Gildemeister

ALSO PRESENT: City Engineers Martini and Kotta, Don Wachholz, Peggy Wegner

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of the April 26, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approve Claims for the Month of April and May 2021. Check numbers 23737 to 23764. E-check numbers 5995 to 6020. ADP assigned check number 50191.
3. Approve Pay Request #5 to Minnesota Mechanical Solutions for the Water Treatment Plant Project.
4. Approve Pay Request #2 to BCI Construction for the Fire Station Project.

ADMINISTRATION

1. **Discussion on “Purple Reigns” Celebration** – The Carver County Arts Consortium is asking all Cities in Carver County to celebrate the fifth year of the passing of Prince by displaying “purple” during the month of June 2021. City Administrator McCallum suggested the City could put up purple lights on City buildings and post information on social media to encourage resident participation. A MOTION to support the “Purple Reigns” Celebrations during the month of June 2021 was made by Council Member Heldt and seconded by Council Member Millender. Motion carried 4/0.
2. **Approve Resolution 5-10-21-20 Filling Seat Council Vacancy** – City Administrator McCallum informed Council that four letters of interest were initially received. One letter was withdrawn. Statements from each applicant were heard. First applicant Steve Albertson, 2428 River Bend Trail, stepped up to podium and addressed Council with a brief statement. Second applicant Willian Blinstrup, 2448 River Bend Trail, addressed Council with a brief statement. Third applicant Peggy Wegner, 312 4th Street NE addressed Council with a brief statement. Mayor Dodge thanked the applicants for their interest. Council voted three votes for Peggy Wegner and one vote for Steve Albertson. A MOTION to approve Resolution 5-10-21-20 filling Council Seat Vacancy term May 10, 2021 to December 31, 2022 and electing Peggy Wegner as Erick Boder’s replacement was made by Council Member Heldt and seconded by Council Member McNeilly. Motion Carried 4/0. *Mayor Dodge congratulated Peggy Wegner.* Mayor Dodge asked City Administrator to set up a meeting with himself, McCallum, and Peggy Wegner.
3. **Approve Purchase of Sign for Roundabout** – A MOTION to approve the sign concept for the roundabout in the amount of \$22,136.00 was made by Council Member Millender and seconded by Council Member

McNeilly. Council Member Millender asked about sign grants and McCallum clarified the process for applying for grants and asked Millender to send the information to her. Mayor Dodge asked McCallum if she could research the grant and if time allows, submit documentation. Public Works Kuntz informed Council that the sign concept plan shows the Mayor logo on the front and back of the monument. Kuntz asked for clarification on whether Council wanted the logo on just the front or both sides. After further discussion Council agreed that it does not reason to have the logo on the back where it will be covered by vegetation. Mayor Dodge aske Council Member Millender if he would like to amend his prior motion. A MOTION to amend the prior motion and approve the sign concept with the Mayor logo only on the front, north facing in the amount of \$22,136.00 was made by Council Member Millender and seconded by Council Member McNeilly. Motion carried 4/0.

4. **Approve Resolution 5-10-21-21 MnDOT Limited Use Permit** – City Administrator stated that MnDOT will issue the City of Mayer a ten-year limited use permit to construct the sign monument and plant and maintain vegetation in the roundabout. A MOTION to approve Resolution 5-10-21-21 MnDOT Limited Use Permit was made by Council Member McNeilly and seconded by Council Member Millender. Motion carried 4/0.

ENGINEERING

1. **Authorization to continue discussion with New Germany on Wastewater Treatment Facility** – City Engineers Dave Martini and Ryan Kotta presented a PowerPoint update on new findings and additional costs pertaining to the potential regionalization of New Germany’s wastewater flows and loadings to the Mayer Wastewater Treatment Facility. Metropolitan Council funded the study to analyze impacts to Mayer WWTF from New Germany regionalizing to Mayer. The study was done by Bolton & Menk and a proposal was presented to Council.

Martini recapped the timeline for the improvements to the WWTF to meet MPCA’s stringent new phosphorus limit is ten years. The MPCA also proposed a new chloride limit in which the City has requested a fifteen-year variance hold. Martini stated the regionalization of New Germany’s wastewater flows and loadings will force the City to start these WWTF improvement sooner. The cost for improvements to the Mayer WWTF with New Germany is estimated to be \$8.2 million with a \$350,00 yearly maintenance cost. 3.3 million dollars would need to be financed.

Improvements and Preliminary Cost Options with New Germany	
Mobilization, Bonds, & Insurance	\$350,000

Main Lift Station Pumps	\$60,000
New Pretreatment Facilities (Metering, Screening, Grit Removal) & Demolition of Existing Building	\$1,450,000
New Anaerobic and Anoxic Basins	\$90,000
Convert Biosolids Tank to Aeration Basin	\$110,000
Construct New Biosolids Tank	\$1,500,000
Yard Piping	\$35,000
New Tertiary Treatment Facilities (Filtration, Disinfection, Post Aeration) & Demolition of Existing Building	\$2,250,000
Chemical Feed Systems	\$120,000
HVAC & Plumbing	\$110,000
Electrical & Controls	\$450,000
Subtotal	\$6,175,000
Contingencies (10%)	\$617,500
Construction Total	\$6,792,500
Engineering, Administration, and Legal	\$1,358,500
Estimated Total	\$8,151,000
Expected Total Cost Range	\$7 - \$9.2 million

The cost for improvements to the WWTF for just the City of Mayer is estimated to be \$6.4 million. Martini stated that the connection fees to tie in for new homes would cost Mayer residents less with the addition of the 408 New Germany connections than if Mayer was by itself and that the thought process is that new growth brought in should cover the cost for the expansion. Martini stated there is a potential for a benefit to the residents of Mayer. Martini asked Council for direction on whether they would like to move forward with discussions and set up a meeting with New Germany. Council Member McNeilly asked for clarification on a timeline for when this project would start. Martini stated that the planning process should start in 2025 for a 2030 completion date. Council agreed that the potential to Mayer resident is there and directed Bolton & Menk to set up a meeting with New Germany.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. **Fire Department Tanker Radio Purchase** – City Administrator McCallum stated that on April 26, 2021 Council tabled this item in order to get more information a potential DNR grant for Fire Department radios. McCallum researched the grant and determined that moving forward with the application process would not be beneficial at this time because the grants are not awarded until September 2021. The City will be receiving the new tanker in June 2021 and the new radio will be needed at that time. Council Member Millender asked questions regarding grants and felt the City should be applying for all available. Fire Chief Maetzold clarified that the Fire Department applies for these grants every year, however, only are awarded funds every third year or so and the grant amount is approximately \$1,000. A MOTION to approve the purchase of the Fire Department tanker radio in the amount of \$3,846.40 was made by Council Member Millender and seconded by Council Member Heldt. Motion carried 4/0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Council Member Heldt stated he will be attending the Park Board meeting tomorrow.
- Mayor Dodge stated he attended a Public Works meeting and discussed the WWTF.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member McNeilly and seconded by Council Member Heldt to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Motion Carried 4/0.

Attest: _____
Janell Gildemeister, Deputy Clerk MCMC

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