

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – JULY 12, 2021

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

PRESENT: Mayor Dodge, Council Members Heldt and Wegner

ABSENT: Council Members McNeilly and Millender

STAFF: City Administrator McCallum, Fire Chief Any Maetzold, and City Clerk Gildemeister

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz

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 Wegner to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried 3/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Council Member Wegner with a second by Council Member Heldt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion Carried 3/0.

1. Approve Minutes of the June 28, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approve Minutes of the June 28, 2021 Council Workshop Meeting.
3. Approve Claims for the Month of July 2021. Check numbers 23851 to 23973. E-check numbers 6065 to 6075.
4. Acknowledge Quarter 2 2021 Building Permit Report.
5. Acknowledge City Engineer Summary Report of Projects for July 2020.
6. Approve Pay Request #4 to BCI Construction for Fire Station Project.
7. Approve Pay Request #6 to MN Mechanical Solutions for Well and WTP Improvement Project.
8. Approve Resolution 7-12-21-25 Appointment of Dylan Maetzold as a Mayer Reserve Fire Fighter.

ADMINISTRATION

1. **Approve Resolution 7-12-21-26 Accept COVID-19 Local Fiscal Recovery Funding Established under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** – City Administrator McCallum informed Council that the final amount to be allocated to the City of Mayer under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is expected to be approximately \$237,930.00. McCallum stated the ARPA funds are intended to provide support to state, local, and tribal governments in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and efforts to contain COVID-19 in their communities, residents, and businesses. As part of the ARPA, cities need to notify the State that they intend to collect its share of the ARPA funds to be used in a manner consistent with the Department of Treasury's guidance. A MOTION to approve Resolution 7-12-21-26 Accepting COVID-19 Local Fiscal Recovery Funding established under the American Rescue Plan Act and authorize Staff to complete the Local Government ARPA Funding Request Form was made by Council Member Wegner and seconded by Council Member Heldt. Motion carried 3/0.

Council clarified that the resolution is just to accept the funds. McCallum confirmed and stated the spending of the funds would be brought to Council at a later date and the City has until December 2024 to allocate the funds.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. **Approve Change Order Request to Paint Apparatus Bays for Fire Station** –At the June 14, 2021 Council Meeting, the Fire Chief requested the approval of a change order request in the amount of \$45,845.00 to add interior painting of the apparatus bay walls and ceiling to be paid out of the contingency fund. The request was rejected. As part of the project, the Council approved 3% of the project cost or \$80,000.00 to be non-dedicated funds to be used for unexpected project changes-known as the contingency fund. To date Council has approved the spending of \$26,742.50 out of the \$80,000.00 contingency fund leaving a balance of \$53,257.50. At the June 28, 2021 Council Workshop Meeting, Council discussed other funding options. Fire Chief Maetzold requested the funds be taken out of the Fire Capital Fund. A MOTION to approve the change order request to paint the apparatus bays of the Fire Station in the amount of \$45,845.00 to paid out of the Fire Capital Fund was made by Council Member Heldt and seconded by Council Member Wegner. Mayor Dodge stated that everyone knows where he stands. Dodge voiced that last fall Council approved 2.8 million for the Fire Station project and with this additional request, we will be a little more than a quarter million over construction cost and considers it is a failure all the way around. Motion failed 2/1. *Mayor Dodge and Council Member Wegner a nay*
1. **Approve Mayer Fire Relief Association Donations for Fire Station** – The Mayer Relief Association requested approval of donations and asking Council to accept the “up to” dollar amounts that equal \$6,928.00 for the listed items:
 - Up to \$2,500.00 – Pouring of a concrete slab to support three flag poles and a statue provided by the Mayer Relief Association.
 - Up to \$2,000.00 – Plate and brackets to mount the Old Fire House Bell on the corner of the new Fire Station.
 - Up to \$2,428.00 – Upper kitchen cabinets for the new Fire Station to be installed by members of the Fire Department.A MOTION was made by Council Member Heldt and seconded by Council Member Wegner to accept the donation from the Mayer Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$6,928.00 and approve the “up to” amounts and items for the new Fire Station. Motion Carried 3/0.

CLOSED SESSION – Minn. Stat. §13D.03

A portion of the meeting may be closed to the public pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13D.03, subdivision 1(b) to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals. Council went into closed session at 6:38 p.m.

A MOTION to close the Closed Session and reopen the Regular Meeting at 7:05 pm was made by Council Member Heldt and seconded by Council Member Wegner. Motion carried 3/0.

Mayor Dodge informed that the in the closed session the City Council discussed items related to union strategy for the upcoming union contract.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- Acknowledge minutes for the June 30, 2021 Public Works Committee Meeting

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Wegner and seconded by Council Member Heldt to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried 3/0.

Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Janell Gildemeister, City Clerk MCMC

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