

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 28, 2019

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

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

ABSENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz

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 McNeilly to approve the agenda with the addition of Resolution 10-28-19-40 Mayer Baseball Donation. Motion Carried 5/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Council Member McNeilly with a second by Council Member Boder to approve the Consent Agenda with changes to the Minutes of the October 14, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion Carried 5/0.

1. Approve the Minutes of the October 14, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approve Claims for the Month of October 2019. Check numbers 22571 to 22590. E-check numbers 5443E to 5451E. Bank check number 50101.
3. Acknowledge City Administrators Report for the Month of October 2019.
4. Acknowledge Fire Department Report for the Month of September 2019.
5. Acknowledge City Engineer Summary Report of Projects for September 2019.
6. Acknowledge Sheriff's Department Report for the Month of September 2019.
7. Acknowledge Public Works Report of Activities from September 19, 2019 to October 24, 2019.
8. Approve Resolution 10-28-19-36 2020 Election Location.
9. Approve Resolution 10-28-19-40 Mayer Baseball Temporary Permit.

PUBIC HEARING- *Opened at 6:33 p.m.*

**Certification to Carver County Delinquent Utilities and Miscellaneous Fees-Resolution 10-28-19-37**

McCallum explained that every year, the City prepares a roll of delinquent utilities and unpaid miscellaneous fees. She stated that all properties have been properly notified and have until November 15, 2019 to make a payment. All unpaid delinquent utility and miscellaneous fees will be assessed to the 2020 property taxes. She informed Council that the total assessment roll was \$21,344.38. Being no one present to dispute the delinquent utilities and/or miscellaneous fees, nor emailed comments received, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:36 p.m. A MOTION to Approve Resolution 10-28-19-37 Certification of Delinquent Utilities and Miscellaneous Fees to Carver County 2020 Property Taxes was made by Council Member Butterfield and seconded by Council Member McNeilly. Motion carried 5/0.

*Council was concerned that the amount of unpaid utilities is considerably high than in the past and directed Staff to bring topic back for discussion at a future Workshop Meeting.*

## CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. **Approve Resolution 10-28-19-38 Sheriff's Contract 2020** – After extensive discussion a MOTION to increase the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Deputy (2080 hours) from .67 FTE to 1.0 FTE at a cost of \$137,440.00 and Council determining the flex hours at a later date was made by Council Member Butterfield and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden.  
Motion failed 1/4. (*Mayor Dodge, Council Members Boder, McNeilly, and Stieve-McPadden a nay*)  
Being no further motions made, the discussion was Tabled.

*Mayor Dodge and Council Member Stieve-McPadden could not support the increase in costs. Council Member Boder stated he still has too many questions that need answers. Council directed City Administrator to bring 2020 Sheriff's Contract back for further discussion at the next Council Work Session. Council also directs Staff to get recommendations from the Carver County Sheriff's Department and provide answers on the County model of service.*

## ENGINEERING

1. **Approve Resolution 10-28-19-39 Subordination of a Drainage and Utility Easement** – The City of Mayer had identified the need to improve the overall storm water conveyance and storage system in the 2005 Surface Water Management Plan. This included improvements on the storm sewer system all the way from the outlets at the Crow River, extending upstream through the City to the southern city limits. The idea being that it would reduce flooding that has historically been occurring in the City.  
As part of this plan, the City constructed a wetland basin located south east of TH25 (Ash Avenue) and 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The project then turned into a wetland restoration project.  
The engineer provided an update on the progress of the wetland restoration project.  
As part of the plan, Bolton & Menk monitored the area and identified that a washout occurred in the southeast corner of the Wetland site which is located southeast of Highway 25 and 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE in Mayer. City Engineer Martini, Bolton & Menk, presented their observations. He indicated the wetland bank appears to be stabilized and exhibits nearly full vegetative coverage around the eroded area of the southeastern tile inlet. Signs of active management of invasive species was also observed at the site. The City already has an existing drainage and utility easement over all Parcel A of the Sell Commercial Park Plat. The BWSR requested the City pass a resolution stating the subordination of the existing drainage & utility easement to the future easement. City Engineer Martini recommended the Council approve the repair of the storm water inlet first and then the drainage easement.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden to approve the repairs (option 2) of the storm water inlet with a cost not to exceed \$25,000 and seconded by Council Member Boder. Motion carried 5/0.

A MOTION to Approve Resolution 10-28-19-39 Subordination of a Drainage and Utility Easement was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden. Motion carried 5/0.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

- Mayor Dodge reminded Council of the Watertown-Mayer School District Referendum Election is Tuesday, November 5, 2019.
- Mayor Dodge announced that the Veterans Memorial Event will be held at MLHS on Veterans Day, November 11, 2019.

CLOSED SESSION-Minn. Stat. §13D.03 7:41 p.m.

1. The meeting is closed to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.03, subd. 1(b);
2. The specific subjects to be discussed, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13.01, subd. 3, may include the status of labor negotiations and negotiation strategies.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Motion was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and duly seconded by Council Member Butterfield and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Mayor Dodge, Council Members Boder, Butterfield, McNeilly and Stieve-McPadden. and the following voted against the same:

A MOTION to close Closed Session and reopen Regular Council Meeting at 8:05 p.m. was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member McNeilly. Motion carried 5/0.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Motion Carried 5/0

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Mike Dodge, Mayor

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