

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES – MARCH 11, 2019

Call Work Session to order at 8:35 p.m. by Mayor Dodge.

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

ABSENT:

STAFF: City Administrator McCallum and Deputy Clerk Gildemeister

ALSO PRESENT: Steven Young, Don Wachholz

1. **Discussion on Tower Lease Amended Offer:** The City Council previously discussed the tower lease issue at the June 25, 2018 Work Session and the August 13, 2018 Council Meeting. The last offer from Tower Alliance was for a 20-year lease extension with a \$35,000 signing bonus. Per the instructions of City Council, the City Attorney informed the tenant that the City would consider a 15-year lease extension with a \$35,000 signing bonus. Tower Alliance contacted the City Attorney on February 28, 2019 and offered to extend the terms of the amended lease (4) four additional 5-year terms (a total of 20 years) and offer a signing bonus of \$40,000. As previously discussed, there does not appear to be any pressing or immediate need to modify the terms of the Amended Lease, which does not expire until the end of 2034. Council asked Staff to prepare some additional information and bring back for further discussion.
2. **Discussion on Payment Service Network:** City Administrator presented information on a utility software which will allow residents to view their current utility bill and billing history online. Council agreed that residents would appreciate the ability to view their account online and asked Staff to continue to explore options.
3. **Discussion on Republic Services:** In 2018, Republic Services provided information to the City Council regarding the rising costs of recycling. Republic Services asked the Council to consider allowing a \$0.53 per household per month increase to help cover the cost of recycling processing fees. The current contract with Republic Services is set to conclude in August of 2020. Council stated they have no interest in allowing for an increase.
4. **Discussion on Granicus:** City Administrator presented a proposal for Granicus, a cloud-based Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) system that enables government organizations to connect with more people. Granicus will be able to utilize several different mediums, including email, text messages, RSS feeds, and social media integration to connect with residents. Council agreed that a tool to connect to more residents would be useful, however, felt that Granicus was too costly. Council Member Boder suggested Staff reach out to Carver County to see if they would allow the City of Mayer to tap into their system.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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Mike Dodge, Mayor

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