

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES – APRIL 22, 2019

Call Work Session to order at 8:05 p.m. by Mayor Dodge.

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

ABSENT: Council Member Boder and Butterfield

STAFF: City Administrator McCallum. Public Works Kuntz.

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Koerber (T4 Solutions) and Don Wachholz,

1. **Grocery Delivery Lockers – T4 Solutions – Jim Koerber**

Jim Koerber of T4 Solutions presented on Temperature Controlled Grocery Lockers. His presentation included the lockers being a solution for grocery delivery to the City of Mayer which doesn't have a grocery store. It would allow for residents to order from a grocery store in a neighboring city and to pick up their groceries when they are able to. The lockers are refrigerated and have freezer sections as well.

Koerber said that this is a relatively new concept and new business. They are still working on the partnership that could be had between grocery stores, the City and the company to install the lockers in needed locations. He explained that the City could purchase and own it, the grocery store could, or there could be a partnership between the two.

McNeilly said that it seemed like a good alternative for residents because delivery of groceries usually requires the residents to be home. Dodge wanted the Koerber to reach out to local grocers to see if there was interest from them to participate. She said that maybe the City would be interested in a partnership. Dodge wanted more information about working together with local stores. McNeilly agreed.

2. **Winter Street Parking**

McCallum provided information that was requested by Council that included what other cities do regarding code enforcement.

Dodge explained that he did not see a need to change the code at this time. He said suggested the staff wait a year and reassess after the Public Works Department takes on the snow plowing next winter season. McNeilly agreed.

3. **Utility Ponds use for Irrigation – Direction**

McCallum presented this item as one that was presented to a City Council member recently. She informed that a resident had asked if this was a possibility. McCallum said that she talked with City staff about irrigation through the utility ponds, nonetheless that staff felt that while it was possible, advised to not. The reason being that it would require oversight and that the reuse of the pond water could cause more growth of algae, etc. due to more runoff chemicals going into the ponds. In addition, the residents would have to be cognizant of the water level of the pond.

Council agreed that this came to them a few years ago as well and decided then to not allow it. They agreed to continue not allowing this.

Dodge said that he would like to see more coming to the Council soon regarding a pond maintenance plan. He said that maybe at that time, this topic could be revisited.

4. Payment Service Network – Utility Payment Software –

McCallum provided a summary about changing utility payment software programs from GovPayNet to Payment Service Network. She explained that the benefits would include the ability for residents to have more informational tools and resources accessible to them. This includes payment history and usage history. It also includes real time billing information. This information is currently not available to residents. The PSN Software would also integrate into the City’s utility software, allowing the transfer for data instead of manual data input. PSN would also allow for more payment options online as well as in person.

McCallum reviewed the payment options and fees with the Council with the current software and proposed software. She informed that the City would need to decide if they would maintain having customers pay the processing fees, if the City would share the cost or take on the entire cost.

Council liked the idea of switching the software from GovPayNet to Payment Service Network. They requested more data information on how much money would be saved in the transition, what the transition plan looked like and how we would educate residents on the change. Staff agreed to provide the additional information at an upcoming meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Margaret McCallum, City Administrator