

MAYER COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 28, 2021

Call Work Session to order at 6:53 p.m. by Mayor Dodge.

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

ABSENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz

- 1. Discussion on American Rescue Plan Act:** City Administrator McCallum provided Council a background on the funds for local government entities. McCallum stated that in March 2021, U.S. Congress adopted the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which provides \$65 Billion in recovery funds for U.S. cities impacted by COVID-19. ARPA provides that cities under 50,000 in population receive funds from their state government. Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB), the agency charged with allocating the funds has provided an estimated dollar amount based on the City of Mayer’s 2019 census. The allocation is estimated to be \$237,930.00. McCallum stated that Council will need to approve a resolution that includes language accepting the funds and information on reporting requirements. A draft resolution was provided for Council review. McCallum informed Council that the City of Mayer has until December 31, 2024, to spend the ARPA Funds and more flexibility on what the funds can be used for. McCallum recommended working with Carver County to offer business and residential support through grants and loans along with Water/Sewer Operations and Projects such as constructing, improving water and wastewater plants, controlling sources of pollution, creating green infrastructure, and protecting water bodies from pollution. Council agreed these two options. Mayor Dodge asked if there is anything the city can do to help facilitate the process with Carver County. McCallum stated that she could send of letter of support. Dodge was in favor of sending funds to Carver County to support grants and loans programs for local business and residents. Dodge recommended Staff send out marketing materials with details on how to apply for the funds and research premium pay for essential workers, first responders, and City Staff. Council Member Wegner asked what happens to the funds if the City does not take it. McCallum stated the funds will go back to the county or the state. Fire Chief Maetzold approached Council by stating that he personally felt it would be an injustice to the residents if the City does not utilize the funds. Maetzold stated that other surrounding communities purchased radios for every member of the Fire Departments, medical jumpsuits, and a second set of turnout gear and recommended Council consider these for the Mayer Fire Department. Mayor Dodge asked Council to email McCallum with suggestions.
- 2. Discussion on Fire Station Project Update:** City Administrator McCallum provided Council with a project update and budgeting details as of to date. Mayor Dodge stated he asked to bring this back for discussion because over the last five months, Council has had a lot of items come back. Dodge wanted to go over items that were missed or not missed, and that Council is all on the same page. McCallum provided a summary of expenses to date:

\$ 184,000.00	City purchased 409 Shimmcor Street in 2016
\$ 227,918.00	City contracted with Brunton Architects

\$ 80,000.00	Project contingency of 3%
\$ 10,000.00	Civil engineering with Bolton & Menk
\$ 12,000.00	Special soil inspection testing
\$ 15,000.00	Building review permit fees
\$ 150,591.00	Fixtures, furniture, and extra equipment (FFE)
\$2,675,069.00	Base bid for Fire Station with BCI Construction
\$ 10,000.00	Alternate 3-carpet and epoxy flooring
\$ 33,964.60	Extra-epoxy flooring in bays
\$ 7,200.00	Extra-epoxy flooring in 2 extra bays
\$ 12,699.50	Change order-epoxy flooring (contingency fund)
\$ 3,679.00	Change order-plumbing (contingency fund)
\$ 812.00	Change order-sign (contingency fund)
\$ 10,000.00	Change order-mezzanine (contingency fund)
\$ 67,638.00	In-floor heating (Fire Relief Fund)
\$ 71,363.00	Generator (Fire Relief Fund)

City Administrator McCallum reviewed the 20-year bond information and shared her spreadsheet that she uses to keep track of spending. Mayor Dodge asked McCallum to bring up her spreadsheet because he had concerns on FFE with the number of items and change orders that have been brought to Council lately. Dodge asked for clarification from Fire Chief Maetzold on the purchase of chairs and tables. Maetzold stated that the Fire Department reduced the number to be within the \$150,591.00 budget. Council Member Wegner asked Maetzold for clarification on why there was nothing budgeted for tables and chairs. Wegner asked if it was because the Fire Department was going to use the existing furniture. Maetzold stated, originally, the tables and chairs were going to be purchase from the Baseball Club donations, however, used the left-over funds in the FFE to make the purchase. Dodge stated it was his understanding that a gear dyer and exterior camera for Weather Watch were cut from the FFE to make room for the purchase of tables and chairs and asked Maetzold for clarification. Maetzold stated the security company suggested not purchasing the Weather Watch camera because it would not provide the information the Fire Department was looking for and the reason a gear dryer was cut was because the two gear washers can wash 2 sets of gear per washer and the dryer, they have currently can dry 4 sets of gear, so they did not need a second one. Mayor Dodge stated that he was good with everything discussed and to keep everyone on the same page, would like to have this discussion about every six weeks.

3. **Discussion on Change Order Request of Painting:** At the June 14, 2021, City Council Meeting, the Council rejected the request. Council agreed the interior painting made sense, however, rejected paying for it out of the contingency funds. Staff was asked to research options for funding the change order request for interior painting of the Fire Station and bring back for further discussion. City Administrator McCallum brought Council two options to consider:

1. Wait to do the painting in the future
2. Pay for the work out of the Fire Capital Fund

Mayor stated that typically failed items are not brought back to Council for discussion but wanted to allow Council the opportunity to present other funding options. After discussion on Fire Capital Fund, long-term plan and future tax rate increases, and the American Rescue Plan

Act, Council directed Staff to research how the ARPA funds could be used. McCallum asked for direction on whether Council wanted to bring this discussion back to a Regular Council Meeting. Mayor Dodge voiced he made his decision and is not willing to discuss further. Council Member Heldt supported the painting of the Fire Station now than later and paying for it out of the Fire Capital Fund. Heldt stated he would like to bring the discussion back for another vote. Council Member McNeilly agreed.

4. **Discussion on Golf Carts** – City Administrator McCallum stated that she has received a couple calls on whether golf carts are allowed in the City. McCallum stated that currently the Code was amended to allow type I UTV's and to allow golf carts the City would have to amend the Code. Mayor Dodge asked how many residents have asked about golf carts. McCallum stated a couple. Dodge said he only asked because he has had no one ask him about golf carts. Council briefly discussed registration, regulations, and enforcement. Dodge stated, with only having a couple of people ask about golf carts, the amount of money it costs to amend the code, and no residents showed up to the public hearing in December of 2020 advocating to allow golf carts, he did not recommend moving forward with item at this time. Council agreed to wait till there was more interest.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Janell Gildemeister, Deputy Clerk MCMC