

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES – JULY 22, 2019

Call Work Session to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Dodge.

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

ABSENT:

STAFF: City Administrator McCallum, Public Works Kuntz, and Deputy Clerk Gildemeister

ALSO PRESENT:

- 1) **Discussion on Storm Shelter:** At the June 24, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting, members discussed the addition of a Residential Storm Shelter Ordinance to address short term protection for slab on grade homes from tornadoes and extreme straight-line winds. City Planner, John Anderson is seeking direction from Council on whether to move forward with the proposed text amendment. In written proposal, he stated such an ordinance would be a local code and not a state code. Therefore, there would be no regulations to follow. In addition, requiring storm shelters would be extremely cost prohibitive for builders. After a brief discussion, Council decided to stay away from adding new storm shelter language to City code and agreed the amount of time the City Planner would have to spend on drafting a new code would be too costly.
- 2) **Discussion on Code Enforcement Policy:** City Administrator McCallum updated Council on her recent code enforcement activities and issues. She asked Council for direction on what steps, timelines, and forms Council would like her to use for code enforcement. Council Member Boder suggested City Administrator consult with the City Attorney for guidance. Council Member Butterfield expressed her concern that last August, Council directed City Administrator to develop code ordinance/policies and she would like to have policies in place. Council Member McNeilly asked Staff to provide clarification on the “next steps” for those residents who do not comply or respond to code violation notices. City Administrator was directed by Council to draft code enforcement policies and bring back for discussion. Mayor Dodge recommended Staff look at City fee schedule to make sure fees align with code enforcement policies.
- 3) **Discussion on Carver County Sheriff’s Department Contract 2020:** City Administrator brought the 2020 Carver County Sheriff’s Department Contract back for furthered discussion. After continued discussion, Council still felt they needed more information on costs to provide the City coverage it needs as opposed to what is proposed. The proposed cost for 2020 is \$93,935.00. Council Member Butterfield requested data on what exactly the City is getting for \$93,935.00. Council directed Staff to ask Carver County Commander Wollin to come and explain the Base Level Service and answer questions. According to the Sheriff’s Department, increased coverage ‘similar to’ Watertown, Norwood, and Carver (keeping the Monday-Friday coverage and adding weekend and evening coverage), would cost around \$240,000 per year. This would be a \$140,000 increase. At this time, Council stated they cannot support the \$240,000 contract.

- 4) **Discussion on 2020 General Budget Goals** – City Administrator provided a draft of a preliminary 2020 budget. Staff asked Council for feedback on their 2020 general budget goals and priorities. Council identified five major goals.
- a. Police Contract
 - b. Snow Plowing
 - c. Street Fund
 - d. Maintain Tax Rate
 - e. 3 Year Budget Projections

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Attest: _____
Janell Gildemeister, Deputy City Clerk

Mike Dodge, Mayor

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