

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES – JANUARY 27, 2020

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

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

ABSENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Corey Brunton, Todd Hagen

FIRE STATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chief 1 Andy Maetzold, Chief 2 Rod Maetzold, City Administrator Margaret McCallum, City Council Liaison Tice Stieve-McPadden, Firefighter Bob Carlson, Former Mayor/Firefighter Gerry Thomas, Mayer Business Owner/Resident Brad Quaas

1. **Presentation and Discussion on a New Fire Station:** Fire Chief Maetzold addressed the Council and introduced the members of the Fire Station Committee. Fire Chief Maetzold with assistance from Corey Brunton, architect/advisor for Brunton Architects & Engineers, presented a PowerPoint summarizing the Fire Station Committees recommendations in favor of a new fire station. Corey Brunton discussed the architectural and engineering details of the project and the proposed Shimmcor Street location. Todd Hagen, Senior Municipal Advisor with Ehlers, was present to discuss the City's levy options along with financial impacts of the proposed project. Each representative answered questions from Council and audience.

Council heard testimony from members of the audience. After a lengthy back and forth discussion, Council Members shared concerns and endorsements for the proposed project. Council could not come to a consensus on whether this project needs to be voted on by the residents (referendum) or Council makes the decision. Compelling arguments for both sides were heard. Council asked Todd Hagen to provide further financial information.

Fire Chief Maetzold asked Council for direction on moving forward. Council stated that the proposed project should go to Planning Commission and any necessary statutory authorities for review and recommendations.

City Engineer Martini offered his point of view as a project manager and stated that the committee will have to test the temperature of the residents. He recommended the Fire Station Committee layout communications, then put out a detailed schedule. He also cautioned using social media first thing.

Council commended the Fire Station Committee on the information provided to them and stated this was the most productive meeting on this discussion they have had and thanked them for all the work they put into it. Council directed City Administrator to place the PowerPoint presentation on social media and the City website.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Janell Gildemeister, Deputy Clerk MCMC