

MAYER COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES – MAY 10, 2021

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

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

ABSENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

1. **Discussion on Fire Station Property 400 Ash Avenue N:** City Administrator McCallum asked Council for direction on plans and goals for the old Fire Station located at 400 Ash Avenue N. Council Member McNeilly asked if there is a need to utilize the building for City usage. McNeilly asked if the property would need to be rezoned. Council agreed that, if necessary, the property should be retained for City use. Mayor Dodge stated he would like to see a business in there and this discussion should be brought to EDA for consideration. Council directed Staff to acquire a current market value for the property. Public Works Kuntz talked about the potential use of the old Fire Station for Public Works until an expansion of the current Public Works Building. McNeilly asked Staff to communicate with the City Planner on potential uses for the property.
2. **Discussion on Pond Maintenance Policy:** City Administrator McCallum opened discussion by stating that City Staff and City Engineers have been working on the pond maintenance policy for some time trying to dial in a timeline, priority list, and budgeting. Immediate changes presented to Council pertained to the monitoring and inspection of the ponds. Currently, Public Works is inspecting the ponds to create a priority list. In the next couple years, the focus will be on cleaning out the inlets/outlets, testing the soil for sediment levels, and then dredging the ponds. McCallum stated that education is a big part of the plan and Staff will start working on collecting information and offering it to the residents. Mayor Dodge asked Staff to provide a detailed education plan and bring back for further discussion.
3. **Discussion on Snowplowing and Ice Control Policy** – City Staff asked Council to consider changing the policy for snow and ice removal. Part of the change would include making changes to the current snow ordinance which states that cars can park overnight and have to be moved with 1” or more of snow fall. Public Works has run into issues with the number of cars they have to plow around and the ability to remove the snow and ice at a later time. Staff recommended simplifying City code to state no parking during a certain time period, for example, 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. on City streets from November 1 to April 1. After discussion on enforcement, City liability, pros and cons, and language, Council could not come to a consensus and chose to leave the current ordinance as is for one more year.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Mike Dodge, Mayor

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Janell Gildemeister, Deputy Clerk MCMC