

MAYER COUNCIL WORK SESSSION MEETING MINUTES – MAY 11, 2020

Call Work Session to order at 7:29 p.m. by Mayor Dodge.

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

ABSENT: Council Member Boder

STAFF: City Administrator McCallum, Fire Chief Any Maetzold, and Deputy Clerk Gildemeister

PRESENT VIA PHONE: City Attorney Sullivan

ALSO PRESENT: Corey Brunton, Don Wachholz, Angela McLaughlin, Todd Meyhoff, Rod Maetzold

- 1. Discussion on Brunton Architects Contract for the Proposed Fire Station:** City Administrator opened discussion by providing Council with a brief history of the Fire Department’s research on the need for a new Fire Station. Council was provided with a copy of Brunton Architects Contract for architectural, structural, civil, mechanical, and electrical design services with respect to the proposed construction of a new Fire Station. Corey Bruton, Brunton Architects, stated he has been working with the Fire Department since 2017 is asking the City of Mayer pay for phase I, schematic work, he has completed which is about 25% of the estimated costs to complete the project. The cost of phase I is approximately \$63,000. Mayor Dodge voiced concerns with the lack of Council involvement and why this is the first time Council is seeing this Contract. He stressed that there needs to be better communication from the Fire Department. City Attorney Sullivan spoke and explained the typical process for a major project such as building a new Fire Station. He stated that a contract for services should have been submitted and approved by Council before any work has be done. He gave the analogy of putting the cart before the horse. Mr. Brunton stated that this contract was provided to Fire Chief Maetzold on December 23, 2019. Fire Chief Rod Maetzold stated he assumed the City Administrator receive a copy as well. Mr. Brunton stated he has put a lot of time into this project and is not out to gouge the City but feels he should be compensated for the services provided so far. City Attorney Sullivan informed Council that if they agree to move forward and approve the contract, phase I would be owed to Brunton Architects. Mr. Sullivan suggested some changes to the contract. Mr. Brunton stated he was ok with the changes.  
Council Members voiced their concerns about making major decision during the current pandemic environment. Council recognizes the need for a new Fire Station and stated they still want to move forward. Council suggested Fire Station Committee meet after the Governors new orders are delivered encouraged them to come up with creative ways to inform the residents about the project since the open houses had to be cancelled.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janell Gildemeister, Deputy Clerk MCMC