

MAYER COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES – MAY 24, 2021

Call Work Session to order at 6:57 p.m. by Mayor Dodge.

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

ABSENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz

- 1. Discussion on Rental Ordinance:** City Administrator McCallum presented Council with additional information on the City of Mayer Rental Ordinance and looked for direction on moving forward. McCallum stated as she continues to research and draft a rental contract, questions have arisen regarding desired scope and depth. McCallum asked for direction on what the inspection process should entail and for how long the license is good through. Most importantly McCallum presented Council with the decision to take a Proactive or Reactive approach. She stated the proactive approach to the Rental Housing Ordinance would require the registration of all rental properties within the City and an inspection of the property would be performed immediately and on a regular basis. With this approach, the City would make sure the rental property meets guidelines before it is rented out. This approach would require additional administrative time and resources. McCallum presented the reactive approach. With this approach, rental properties would still require properties to be registered and licensed. The license would be an “operating license” instead of a rental license. The owner of the property would be required to register and license the property; however, no inspections would be required before the renter moves in. Inspection would be completed on “as-needed” or “requested” basis. After some consideration, Council agreed it would be best to take the reactive approach with the understanding that it may be difficult for Staff to devote time. Council asked McCallum if she could keep track of Staff time needed to integrate the Rental Ordinance.
- 2. Discussion Address Change for MLHS:** City Administrator McCallum stated that over the last few years, City residents have expressed concerns with the amount of traffic on 5th Street NE related to Mayer Lutheran High School. The historical entrance to MLHS is 305 5th Street NE which is still being used by students, teachers, and buses. The new entrance is located to the north off the roundabout on 62nd Street/7th Street. In 2018, MLHS completed a major expansion that included a new entrance and a field house. With the expansion, events at the high school have increased, especially on the weekends and thus has increased traffic on 5th Street from visitors. McCallum stated that MLHS has been working hard to inform, educate, and navigate people to the 7th Street entrance and has asked the City to research changing the address to match the new entrance. The hope is that readdressing the school, will reduce the amount of traffic on 5th Street NE. McCallum informed Council, after researching the change in address, the process is more complicated than anticipated and will create a domino effect with township properties on 62nd Street. Currently, the road east of the roundabout, north side of MLHS, is 62nd Street. The road west of the roundabout is 7th Street. McCallum stated this opens questions of annexation of the township properties on 62nd Street. Council Member McNeilly asked if MLHS would consider a 62nd Street address and McCallum stated the City recommended not because 62nd Street will eventually be renamed 7th Street and they would have to change their address again. Mayor Dodge asked why the Street will be changed to 7th Street. McCallum stated 62nd Street is

a township road and eventually the properties will be annexed in and the street will become a City Street. McCallum recommended to Council to change the street in front of the school from 62nd Street to 7th Street NE (only as far as to the north/south 62nd Street bordering Waconia Township with Mayer). This would allow MLHS to have a 7th Street address. After consideration, Council directed Staff to set up a meeting with Joel Landskroener, Executive Director of Mayer Lutheran High School to discuss long term plans.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Janell Gildemeister, Deputy Clerk MCMC

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