

MAYER COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 8, 2020

Call Work Session to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Dodge.

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

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT VIA ZOOM: City Administrator McCallum

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy Clerk Gildemeister, City Engineer Martini

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Jimmy Brand, Ivan Raconteur, Tom Stifter

- 1. Discussion on IT System Upgrades:** City Administrator McCallum introduced Jimmy Brand with Brand Networking and gave Council a summary of the IT history of the City. Mr. Brand addressed Council and provided his background credentials. Mr. Brand has been working on system issues at City Hall, Fire Department, and Public Works since 2019. He indicated that the City is working with outdated and inefficient network hardware, including wireless, and is greatly lacking the security it needs. He stated that the City of Mayer would greatly benefit from having a professionally managed network solution to manage all data, and to secure all data in the event of a disaster. The goal of this project is to provide a unified network scenario encompassing all departments, including a fiber ring for phones, network connectivity and high speed wireless across all City buildings. The City would work with Carver County (Carverlink) and Jaguar Communications to connect all departments in the fiber ring. Council thanked Mr. Brand for providing them with all the information and directed Staff to continue to move forward with the plan.
- 2. Discussion on 2021 Street Project:** In 2018, the City worked with Bolton & Menk to review the condition of its City streets and draft a 10 year Pavement Management Plan. In 2020, the first phase of the project is scheduled to begin. City Engineer Martini indicated the first phase of the project will consist of mill and overlay, in a section of the Coldwater Crossing Development. In 2021, the second phase is scheduled and consists of a full reconstruction of 5th Street NE and NW, as well as 3rd Street. The reconstruction would include the removal of the entire existing pavement and construction of new pavement structure. City Administrator McCallum stated that she is working with the City's financial advisor, stating the 2020 project can be financed with cash out of the Streets Capital Fund. Council, on the other hand, would need to consider Special Assessments for the 2021 full reconstruction project. Council Member McNeilly asked City Administrator to provide total cost of the 2021 full reconstruction project, with utilities, and special assessment costs to residents. She stated that she would like to see all the curb and gutter match for a more uniform look. Council Member Butterfield recommended the City include overlaying of the trails due to many being in poor condition. She asked if there was a way to differentiate trails from sidewalks. Mayor Dodge recommended replacing sidewalks that are bad and asked for confirmation that the 2021 project is in Abdo's Long Term Plan. City Administrator stated yes. Council Member Stieve-McPadden stated that she would like to see the little streets repaired due to many being in poor condition.

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