

MAYER COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES – JULY 26, 2021

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

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

ABSENT:

STAFF: City Administrator McCallum, Public Works Kuntz, Fire Chief Maetzold, and City Clerk Gildemeister

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz

1. **Discussion on 2022 Budget “Kick Off”:** City Administrator McCallum shared a Power Point to “kick off” the 2022 budget planning process. McCallum asked Council what their goals and vision is for the upcoming year. Mayor Dodge explained to the newer Council Members that historically, Council stays on the higher end of the budget and over the budget season, whittles the budget down line item by line item. McCallum shared once the budget and tax levy have been certified to Carver County, the city can not increase it. However, it can be lowered. McCallum stated the tentative budget is staying consistent with 2021. Council asked what the housing market value is, and McCallum stated the numbers will be received from Carver County in August. Council discussed why the number of new homes being built have decreased. Dodge encouraged McCallum to get developers going because the number of lots available for sale is running low. Council Member McNeilly asked Staff to provide the Capital Improvement Plans (CIP) during budget discussions to help Council keep an eye on the tax rate knowing there are bigger increases projected for future years. Mayor Dodge addressed the importance of the Street Improvement CIP and staying ahead of the projects. Dodge directed McCallum to reach out to the EDA on bringing in new businesses. Council agreed the CIP’s have been very good tools during the budget process. Council Member McNeilly asked Staff to provide printouts of the CIP’s for upcoming budget meetings.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Janell Gildemeister, Deputy Clerk MCMC