

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 6 AUGUST 10, 2015

Call Regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Gerald W. Thomas

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Council Members Stieve-McPadden, McNeilly, Osborn and Boder

ABSENT: None

STAFF: City Administrator Ruch-Hammond, Public Works Kyle Kuntz, City Engineer David Martini and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Ivan Raconteur, Mike Dodge and Rod Maetzold

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Osborn deleting the approval of Ordinance #201 from the agenda and the addition of the Emergency Management meeting August 12, 2015 and the approval of the Re-vegetation bid which is part of the Wetland project. Motion Carried 5/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Council Member Boder with a second by Council Member McNeilly to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Pay Request #4 to Hesselton Construction which was pulled for further discussion later in the meeting. Motion Carried 5/0.

1. Approval of the Minutes for the July 27, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of the Minutes for the August 3, 2015 Work Session.
3. Approval of the Minutes for the July 7, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting.
4. Approval of the Claims for August 2015.
5. *Approval of Pay Request #4 to Hesselton Construction for the Roundabout in the amount of \$306,234.99- removed from consent agenda*
6. Approval of the Check Summary for the Month of July 2015.
7. Approval of the Building Permit Report for the Month ending July 2015.
8. Approval of the Fire Department Report for the Month ending July 2015.
9. Approval of the Sheriff's Department Report for the Month ending July 2015.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. **Emergency Management Meeting August 12, 2015** – A special Emergency Management meeting has been scheduled for August 12, 2015 to discuss reaction to the recent storms that produced a tornado just to the north of our City. Fire Chief Rod Maetzold indicated that he was not able to make the meeting because of a prior commitment to travel to South Dakota along with Chief 2 and Captains 1 & 2 to inspect the new fire truck before it is delivered to the City. He has arranged to have a representative, Captain Jeff Vollmer attend the meeting in his behalf. Mayor Thomas has also offered to attend the meeting with the City Administrator. Several City Council Members were adamant that the Fire Chief make it a priority to attend this meeting as the City's Emergency Management official, postponing the trip to South Dakota if necessary. Maetzold will attend the meeting.

2. **Approval of Bids For Wetland Restoration Project** – On August 4, 2015 the City received eight bids for the Wetland Restoration Project that ranged from \$190,979.75 - \$317,871.20. The Engineer has verified the amounts and is recommending that the project be awarded to Schneider Excavating in the amount of \$190,979.75 for the construction of pipe and the control structure. A MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden awarding the wetland restoration project to Schneider Excavating in the amount of \$190,979.75. Motion Carried 5/0

3. **Approval of Quote for Re-vegetation of the Wetland Restoration Project** – Two specialty contractors were requested to submit quotes for the re-vegetation of the Wetland Restoration project. The low quote was from Prairie Restoration in the amount of \$94,668 which included 3 years of annual maintenance for 21 acres of wetland and buffer. The other preliminary pricing was from Minnesota Native Landscapes and was for \$177,450 which was adjusted to the same 21 acres and 3 year maintenance period. The re-vegetation is a key component to maximizing the amount of wetland credits to be gained in the future and must be completed if the City is to continue with the Wetland banking application process. Funds for this project will come from the Storm Water Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund as well as the \$50,000 grant from the County. The City's storm water issue is driving this project and implementation of the storm water management plan has been a priority. The Council will take a look at the current storm water utility and make adjustments to the fee schedule as warranted. After some discussion, a MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden approving the quote from Prairie Restoration for the re-vegetation of the Wetland Restoration project in the amount of \$94,668 as presented. Motion Carried 5/0

4. **Ordinance #201 Solar Energy** – This Ordinance was tabled to give the City Attorney more time to review and format.

5. **Approval of Ordinance #202 Bees** ó The Council has reviewed a draft copy of an ordinance for keeping bees in the City. There has been a request from Mayer Lutheran High School to allow bees on their property as part of a ðiving classroomö. There were several objections to having bees in residential zones. The ordinance was tabled for further review.

6. **Approval of the Park Board to Apply for a Christopher Reeves Grant** ó The Park Board will be meeting tomorrow to discuss specifics about the application of a grant that is due August 18th, before the next Council meeting. The grant does not require a match and is 100% funded by the Foundation. Contingent on their recommendation, the Park Board is requesting that the City Council allow them to submit a grant to the Christopher Reeves Foundation for the purchase of playground equipment for West Ridge Park to offer more opportunities for children with differing abilities. A MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member McNeilly authorizing staff to apply for a Christopher Reeves Quality of Life Grant not to exceed \$25,000. Motion Carried 5/0

Council Member Osborn leaves the meeting.

7. **Approval of Sand Volleyball Court in West Ridge Park** ó The City Council had approved the construction of sand volleyball courts in Old Schoolhouse Park. The Park Board has decided to construct only one court in West Ridge Park. A MOTION was made by Council Member McNeilly and seconded by Council Member Boder approving the new location of the sand volleyball court. Motion Carried 4/0

8. **Boulevard Tree Policy** ó The City Council reviewed a draft Boulevard Tree Policy at the August 3, 2015 work session. A MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member McNeilly approving the Boulevard Tree Policy for Fieldstone I and II Subdivisions. After discussion which included not allowing the replacement of boulevard trees if they die, the motion was withdrawn by both Council Members. The matter was tabled for Staff to revise.

9. **Approval of Lift Station #1 Repairs** ó Public Works Kuntz reported additional repairs are needed to lift station #1 as soon as possible. Repairs amounting to \$3,500 are needed to Pump #1 have already been approved and \$6,100 in additional repairs to Pump #2 are needed. It is critical that the City's primary lift station remains operating at its highest potential. A new pump was reported to cost \$14,000. Once pump #2 is rebuilt, it should last another 7,000 hours or more. Without repairs it could fail at any time. A MOTION was made by Council Member McNeilly and seconded by Council Member Boder approving the additional repairs needed for pump #2 at lift station #1. Motion Carried 4/0

10. **Approval of Purchase of Grapple for Skid Loader** ó Public Works is proposing the purchase of a new 66" Bobcat root grapple in the amount of \$2,089. The grapple will allow City Staff to be able to move large amounts of brush in a short amount of time and load brush on a truck safely and efficiently. This piece of equipment will be beneficial for operating the compost site, cleaning up trees after a storm and trimming trees in the parks. In the past, staff has rented this piece of equipment in the amount of \$360 per day. It may be possible to use County compost grant funds for a portion of this purchase. A MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member McNeilly approving the purchase of a 66" Bobcat root grapple in the amount of \$2,089.00. Motion Carried 4/0

OTHER BUSINESS

- Hesselton Construction Pay Request #4 in the amount of \$306,234.99 was discussed. The City Engineer reported that 5% of each pay request is withheld until the project is complete and all punch list items are completed. This check will be held until current punch list items are complete. Signage is the main issue at this time. A MOTION was then made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden approving Pay Request #4 for Hesselton Construction as presented. Motion Carried 4/0
- Speed limits around the roundabout, especially 62nd street were discussed. Staff is working with MnDOT and the City may need to request a speed study to lower statutory speeds.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- None

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member McNeilly to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion Carried 4/0.

Gerald W. Thomas, Mayor

Attest: _____
 Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk