

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES ó SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

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

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

ABSENT: Council Member Boder

STAFF: City Administrator Ruch-Hammond, Public Works Kuntz, and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Ivan Raconteur, Don Wachholz, Mike Dodge and Brad Quaas.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden with a second by Council Member McNeilly to approve the agenda with the addition of manhole repairs. Motion Carried 4/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Council Member McNeilly with a second by Council Member Osborn to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion Carried 4/0.

1. Approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approve the Additional Claims for the Month of September 2015.
3. Approve the Corrected Check Summary for the Month of August 2015.
4. Approve the Fire Department Report for the Month Ending August 2015.

STAFF REPORTS

1. **Public Works** ó The Council reviewed a report from Kyle Kuntz of Public Works activities from August 19th ó September 18, 2015. The Council also heard a Tower update and was told that the tower may not be ready for use until October 20th. It was reported that the Volleyball Court should be constructed in October. Kuntz reported that the generator at the Water Treatment Plant has been repaired locally, saving the department over \$4,200.00.
2. **City Engineer** ó The Council reviewed David Martini's summary of the projects Bolton & Menk have been working on during the billing period July 18 ó August 14, 2015.
3. **Sheriff's Department** ó No Report
4. **City Administration** – The Council reviewed a report from August 24 ó September 25, 2015 outlining activities by the City Administrator. Ruch-Hammond updated the Council on the Wetland Project which has been delayed by the State due to many personnel changes.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. **Request to Opt out of Garbage Service** ó Brad Quaas of 117 4th St NE came before the Council to request to opt out of City garbage service. He takes his garbage to his business which is also in the City of Mayer. The Council upholds the City Ordinance which states that all properties must have weekly collection or disposal of garbage or other refuse.

2. **Review of Storm Water Fund** ó The Council reviewed the audit to the Storm Sewer Fund back to 2003. The difference between Expenses and Revenues shows a Balance of \$92,931.38. These funds could be transferred back to the storm water fund and could be used to pay for the wetland project. The Council directed Staff to prepare the transfer resolution for the next Council meeting.
3. **Request from American Tower** ó The City has received an offer from American Tower to either purchase the monopole lease or extend the lease for seven additional five year terms. The current lease is until 2034. The Council makes no changes to the lease at this time.
4. **Review of Park Board Survey** – The Council reviewed a comprehensive detailed Park Board survey which was conducted through Survey Monkey and the City’s Website this summer. The survey was advertised on the City’s Facebook page and the City’s Electronic sign. The City had 10 paper surveys returned and 59 responses on Survey Monkey. There was discussion on the very low return. There was further Hockey Rink discussion and the costs associated with its construction. It was suggested that the Council try to coordinate another joint meeting with the Park Board.
5. **Approval of Salt Storage** – The Council reviewed Staff’s recommendation for salt storage. Public Works is proposing the purchase of a 28’X 24’ Natural Light Fabric Building in the amount of \$7,855 from Greystone Construction in addition to concrete bin block in the amount of \$2,228. Currently, the City uses the old creamery building to store the road salt, but the County plans on selling the property this fall. The new salt storage building will be located on the east side of the public works building within the fence. The floor will be constructed of recycled blacktop from the reclamation of 4th St NE. If the Council decided to blacktop, the proposed area would be have an additional \$3,253 cost. After discussion, a MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member McNeilly to approve the purchase of the salt storage building in the amount of \$10,083, with no blacktop base. Motion Carried 4/0.
6. **Approval of Manhole Repairs** – During the summer of 2014, heavy rains caused a large amount of inflow through three manholes along 7th St NW due to their low elevation. Staff has received two quotes for repairs to raise the manholes to avoid this issue in the future. A MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Osborn approving Schneider Excavating & Grading Inc. repair the three manholes along 7th St NW in the amount of \$6,780.00. Motion Carried 4/0

COUNCIL REPORTS

- None

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mayor Thomas asked to attend the League of Minnesota Cities Metro area meeting on November 18, 2015.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion Carried 4/0

Gerald W. Thomas, Mayor

Attest: _____

Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk