

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 6 OCTOBER 26, 2015

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

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

ABSENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ivan Raconteur, Don Wachholz, Mike Dodge, Gary Hoese and Dale Mack.

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 as presented. Motion Carried 5/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden with a second by Council Member Osborn to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion Carried 5/0.

1. Approve the Minutes of the October 12, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approve the Minutes for the September 18, 2015 Park Board Meeting.
3. Approve the Additional Claims for the Month of October 2015.

STAFF REPORTS

1. **Public Works** 6 The Council reviewed a report from Kyle Kuntz of Public Works activities from September 19 6 October 22, 2015. It was also reported that the water tower has been put back in service after repairs. Only a few minor punch list items remain to be done.
2. **City Engineer** 6 The Council reviewed David Martini's summary of the projects Bolton & Menk have been working on during the billing period August 15 6 September 11, 2015.
3. **Sheriff's Department** 6 No Report
4. **City Administration** – The Council reviewed a report from September 28 6 October 23, 2015 outlining activities by the City Administrator.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. **Approval of the Agreement with the City of New Germany for Use of Mayer Compost Site** 6 The Council reviewed an agreement written by our City Attorney which would allow the City of New Germany residents to use the City of Mayer's compost site to dispose of their brush beginning January 1, 2016. New Germany would pay a fee of \$2,500 annually to help with chipping. A MOTION was made by Council Member McNeilly and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden authorizing the Mayor's signature on the agreement with the City of New Germany for use of the compost site for brush disposal. Motion Carried 5/0

2. **Authorization of Mayor’s Signature on the Insurance Liability Waiver Form** ó A MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Osborn to NOT waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes, Section 466.04 and authorizing the Mayor’s signature on the Liability Coverage Waiver Form from the League of Minnesota Insurance Trust. Motion Carried 5/0

3. **Approval to Close City Offices Friday, November 27, 2015 Day after Thanksgiving** ó A MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member McNeilly approving the closing of City Hall offices for the day after Thanksgiving, Friday November 27, 2015. Motion Carried 5/0

4. **Discussion and Approval of Bee License Fee** – Staff has proposed that the fee for Bees be the same as the Urban chicken License fee of \$50 original license and \$25 per year for renewals. The Council was asked to consider an Educational fee for bee keeping at a lesser amount for schools. After some discussion, a MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member McNeilly to set the license fee for Bees at \$50 original license and \$25 per year for renewal. Motion Carried 5/0
The Council will consider an Educational fee if there is a request made in the future.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Council McNeilly reported that Communication was the item of topic at the Community Education Committee quarterly meeting.
- Council Stieve-McPadden reported that the Mayer Rising Community Festival Committee held a Craft Fair on October 24th which was well attended. Plans are being made to hold it again next year.
- Council Stieve-McPadden also reported that Council Boder and McNeilly attended that last Park Board meeting. Discussion included priorities, vision and the survey results. It was suggested that the Park Board and the Council meet jointly four times a year.
- Mayor Thomas reported that our new Representative from Met Council would like to meet with the Council sometime in the future. Thomas also reported that he was part of the Minnesota Rural Water Utility Rate Study meeting held earlier today. The results will be shared at the Water and Sewer Budget workshop to be held Monday November 30th.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 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 7:05 p.m. Motion Carried 5/0

Gerald W. Thomas, Mayor

Attest: _____
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk