

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES 6 AUGUST 3, 2015

Call Work Session 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: Mike Dodge, Rod Maetzold

1. **Public Works/Fire Department Building:** Mayor Thomas asked the Council and Staff to discuss department needs now and in the future 5 and 10 years. How to meet these needs also sparked discussion. A joint Public Works/Fire Department building was also discussed. A City map was used to find a possible location for a joint facility. Several options were discussed. The matter will be moved to the next Work Session for further discussion.
2. **Public Works Salt Storage:** The City's past salt storage location is no longer available. Staff presented the Council with two options for onsite storage. Staff was asked to visit neighboring City sites and to get additional quotes for a larger shelter that could be moved to a future Public Works site.
3. **Boulevard Tree Policy:** The Council reviewed a Boulevard Tree Policy for Fieldstone 1 & 2. It will be brought back to the next Council Meeting for action.
4. **Discussion on Community Gardens:** Staff has met with Joel Landskroener Executive Director of Mayer Lutheran High School about their request to develop Community Gardens on their property. The Council reviewed a Community Garden toolkit and start-up guide prepared by other communities that was forwarded to MLHS since it is the landowner's responsibility to manage a community garden.
5. **City of New Germany's Request to use Brush Site:** Carver County Environmental Services has forwarded a request from the City of New Germany to use Mayer's brush disposal site. Staff will work with the County on this request.
6. **Weather Alert Radios:** With the severe weather in our area a couple of weeks ago, there was discussion of how to get weather alert radios into our citizens' homes. The outdoor warning siren is just that to be heard if you are outdoors. The Fire Department Open House, future National Night Outs were possible venues that Weather Alert radios could be made available at a discount or given as door prizes etc.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden to adjourn the work session at 8:00 p.m.

Gerald W. Thomas, Mayor

Attest: _____
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk