

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES ó JULY 25, 2011

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

PRESENT: Mayor Capaul, Council Members Boder, Osborn and Lueth, and Stieve-McPadden.

ABSENT:

STAFF: Administrator Murphy, City Engineer David Martini and Clerk Maetzold.

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Nikki Larson, Ivan Raconteur, Mike Dodge, Jonathan Wall, Robert & Wendy Edgar.

The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION made by Council Member Osborn with a second by Council Member Stieve-McPadden to approve the agenda with corrections to the minutes and Resolution 07-25-20101-21, and the addition of a utility bill request from 1209 Meadow Parkway. 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 as follows: Motion Carried 5/0.

1. Approve Minutes of the July 11, 2011 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approve Additional Claims for July 2011.
3. Approve Check Summary for the Month of June 2011.
4. Approve the Minutes of the June 7, 2011 Park Board Meeting.
5. Approve Sheriff's Department Report for the Month of June 2011.
6. Approve the Fire Department Report for the Month of June 2011.
7. Approve Resolution 07-25-2011-19 Appointment of Part Time Seasonal Employee.
8. Approve Resolution 07-25-2011-21 Approving Contributions.
9. Approve the Mayer Lutheran High School Gym Agreement for the 2011-2012 School year.
10. Approve the Gambling Reports for the Month of June 2011 for the Mayer Baseball Club.

STAFF REPORTS

1. **Public Works** ó Council reviewed Jeff Frost's report ending July 25, 2011.
2. **City Engineer** ó The Council reviewed David Martini summary of the projects Bolton & Menk have been working on during the billing period May 14 through June 10, 2011.
3. **Sheriff's Department** ó Deputy Nelson was not present at the meeting.
4. **City Administration** – The Council reviewed a report from June 27 through July 22, 2011 outlining activities by the City Administrator. The second quarter financial reports were also reviewed.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. **Water Bill at 1209 Meadow Parkway** ó Jonathan Wall, a nine year resident of 1209 Meadow Parkway came before the Council to ask if anything could be done to reduce his May water bill.

He averages 8,000 gallons per month, but for some unknown reason, he used 48,000 gallons in May. He has his bill automatically paid and did not realize the May increase until his June bill came. He has not watered and does not have any idea why the excess use. If it was known where the water went, it would be easier to offer an adjustment. The meter could be pulled and checked, but if it is working properly, the resident would be responsible for the cost to have it checked. The Council discussed their policy, and can only offer a payment plan with late fees waived. A MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden to reverse the current late fees, and to put him on a six month payment plan with no extra late fees. Motion Carried 5/0.

2. **Water Bill at 1187 Hidden Creek Blvd** ó Robert & Wendy Edgar, new residents at 1187 Hidden Creek Blvd came before the Council to discuss their water bill. They have purchased a foreclosed home and have been working to restore the yard. They did water their lawn in June and were shocked to see their water bill. They were unaware that separate irrigation meters were available. They have purchased an irrigation meter and it will be put in this week. The City has since put wording in the New Resident letter that irrigation meters are available. New homes built after 2005 are required to have them. Older homes do not unless they purchase them separately. Council Member Osborn did verify that they watered their lawn. After some discussion, a MOTION was made by Mayor Capaul and seconded by Council Member Boder to reverse the sewer fees on 9,000 gallons for 1187 Hidden Creek Blvd for the month of June, but that the property owner would be responsible for 12,000 gallons of water. Motion Carried 5/0.
3. **Approval of Liquor Ordinance #172** ó Staff had presented Ordinance #172 at the last Council Meeting and Council had questions about seasonal liquor licenses. Council tabled Ordinance #172 until further research could be completed. Staff researched the seasonal liquor license and only Counties can issue them under 383C.293 not cities. After some discussion, a MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Boder to approve Liquor Ordinance #172 and its summary. Motion Carried 5/0.
4. **Resolution 07-25-2011-20 Appointment of Part Time Office Staff** ó Administrator Murphy is requesting the appointment of Judith Edholm as intermittent office staff. There are times when there is a need to have the ability to call on an additional person to cover office hours. Staff is requesting the appointment of Judith Edholm at \$10.00 per hour to be used as an on call position and maximum of 200 hours or 25 days in a year. A MOTION was made by Council Member Lueth and seconded by Mayor Capaul approving Resolution 07-25-2100-20 appointing Judith Edholm as intermittent office staff. Motion Carried 5/0.
5. **Resolution 07-25-2011-16 Establishing a Finance Committee** ó City Council had requested that Council members Lueth and Osborn meet with Administrator Murphy to comprise goals and objectives for a Finance Committee. They have met and have revised a proposed policy which the Council reviewed. After some discussion, a MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Mayor Capaul approving Resolution 07-25-2011-16 establishing a Finance Committee and appointing Council Members Osborn and Lueth to serve with the Administrator. Motion Carried 5/0.
6. **Waive Permit Fee for County Fiber Optic Hut** ó City Staff has received a building permit for a fiber optic hut as a part of the overall Carver County fiber optic ring. The County is requesting that the City of Mayer waive the building permit fee. If the City does waive the building permit fee, the City will still have to pay the Building Official 30% of the fee or \$268.00 and the \$17.50 state surcharge. These funds could be paid out of the City's portion of the other building permits. The fiber ring is a benefit to the City and staff is recommending that the City waive the

permit fee for the Carver County Fiber optic hut. A MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Boder to waive the permit fee for the Carver County Fiber optic hut. Motion Carried 5/0.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Council Member Lueth and seconded by Council Member Osborn to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Motion Carried 5/0

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Chris Capaul, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk