

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES ó August 27, 2012

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

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

ABSENT:

STAFF: City Administrator Murphy, David Martini & Andrew Budde ó Bolton & Menk and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Ivan Raconteur, Emily Hedges, Bill Bennett, Ken Olson, Chris Biehle, Mike Dodge, Jon Maetzold, Anna Molnau

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 as presented. Motion Carried 5/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Former Carver County Deputy Bill Bennett appeared before the Council to present the Mayor with a check in the amount of \$725.00 for the Mayer Fire Department. These proceeds were from the Boots and Ladders Fund raiser held Saturday August 18th which Bennett has chaired for the last three years.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve the Minutes of the August 13, 2012 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approve the Additional Claims for the Month of August 2012.
3. Approve the Joint Assessment Services Contract with Carver County.

STAFF REPORTS

1. **Public Works** ó Council reviewed Greg Kluver's monthly report of Public Works activities for the period of August 1 - 21, 2012.
2. **City Engineer** ó The Council reviewed David Martini's summary of the projects Bolton & Menk have been working on during the billing period June 9 - 20, 2012.
3. **Sheriff's Department** ó No Report
4. **City Administration** – The Council reviewed a report from July 23 through August 24, 2012 outlining activities by the City Administrator. The Council also reviewed Fund Balances for the month ending July 31, 2012, the 2nd quarter financial report and current investment report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. **Utility Bill at 2230 Coldwater Crossing** – The resident at 2230 Coldwater Crossing had installed an irrigation system and was under the understanding that the plumber was also installing a second meter. The plumber did not install a second meter and the resident was charged for sewer charges for the month of July in the amount of \$258.00 and is requesting that his July & August bills be calculated on 5,000 gallons of usage for the sewer portion of the bill. The second meter is now installed. A MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council

Member Lueth to waive the portion of the sewer bill over 5,000 gallons for 2230 Coldwater Crossing for the months of July & August. Motion Carried 5/0

2. **Utility Bill at 1235 Hidden Creek Blvd** ó The resident at 1235 Hidden Creek Blvd is requesting a credit on their utility bill for an outside hose that was leaking. The Council viewed the utility bill, the written request and heard from the residents regarding the issue. A MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Boder approving a credit for 10,000 gallons in the amount of \$64.50. Motion Carried 5/0
3. **Discussion on 4-H Projects in the City** – Resident Ken Olson addressed the Council stating the benefits of allowing hen chickens within the City. The Council discussed pros and cons for allowing these animals. It was decided to further research the issue and to discuss again at a future Work Session. The Council will also ask around the City for input on a change to the Ordinance.
4. **Approval of Increase in Fire Department Benefit Level** ó The Fire Board comprised of the four Townships and the City have met and have agreed to raise the retirement benefit amount for the Fire Department from \$1,600 to \$2,000. The increase in the benefit amount will increase the municipal contribution to \$28,000 for one year. The Fire Department is willing to assist the City with the increase by contributing \$10,000 for the increase. The City and the Townships will share in the balance. The City will be responsible for 67.80% or \$12,204 and the Townships will share in the remaining \$5,796. After discussion, a MOTION was made by Mayor Capaul and seconded by Council Member Lueth approving the increase in benefit level from \$1,600 to \$2,000 for 2012. Motion Carried 3/1 (Stieve-McPadden) with Boder abstaining.
5. **Approval of Snow Removal Bids for 2012-2015 Snow Seasons** ó The City advertised for Snow Removal bids for the 2012-2015 snow removal seasons. The Council reviewed the two bids received from Molnau Trucking and Widmer Construction. After review, a MOTION was made by Mayor Capaul and seconded by Council Member Osborn to award the bid for the 2012-15 snow removal seasons to the low bidder Molnau Trucking LLC. Motion Carried 5/0
6. **Authorization to Close City Office on Friday August 31, 2012** – City Staff is requesting to close City Hall on Friday August 31, 2012. With the holiday weekend, business at the City Hall would be minimal. Another option would be to use part time to cover city Hall hours. A MOTION was made by Council Member Lueth and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden allowing staff to close city offices on Friday August 31st. Motion Carried 5/0
7. **Authorization to Change Compost Hours** ó Carver County is moving forward with the Recycling Center at 15200 Co Rd 30. The current hours for the compost site are 9 AM until noon on Saturdays. Since the County will be cooperating in the staffing of the Center every other Saturday, they currently use the hours of 8 AM until noon. Staff is proposing that the City expand the site hours from 9 AM until Noon to 8 AM to Noon. By changing the hours, the City will not have an increase in wages because the City will only have to staff the site every other Saturday and Wednesdays. A MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Osborn approving compost hours on Saturdays to be 8:00 AM until Noon. Motion Carried 5/0

8. **Authorize Signature on Local Government Unit Maintenance Agreement** ó When Bayside Marine (Bob Holtz) installed the new storage units, he was required to expand his storm water pond to address the additional run off. Carver County soil and water wanted some assurances that the pond was going to be inspected and maintained. This Local Government Maintenance Agreement defines each entities responsibility for the maintenance of the storm water pond. A MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Lueth authorizing the Mayor's signature on the Local Government Maintenance Agreement for Bayside marine Phase II. Motion Carried 5/0

9. **Authorization to fill the Seasonal Part Time Person for the Fall** ó Staff is continuing to work with the person who needs Community Service hours for a portion of the seasonal mowing in the City. Staff is requesting a backup plan for mowing and would like the ability to be able to hire a part-time mower at \$10.86 per hour for the rest of the season. A MOTION was made by Council Member Lueth and seconded by Council Member Boder authorizing the hiring of a part time seasonal employee to now for the fall for 20 hours per week at a rate of \$10.86 per hour. Motion Carried 5/0

COUNCIL REPORTS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Osborn to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion Carried 5/0

Chris Capaul, Mayor

Attest: _____
 Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk