

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 14, 2019

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

PRESENT: Mayor Dodge, Council Members Boder, Butterfield, and Stieve-McPadden

ABSENT: Council Member McNeilly

STAFF: City Administrator McCallum, WWTF Contractor Kluver, City Engineers Martini and Kotta, Fire Chief Maetzold, Public Works Kuntz and Hilgers, and Deputy Clerk Gildemeister

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Jayne Anderson, Leah Jopp, Dewit Meier, Ron Wilke, Curtis Ziermann

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Council Member Boder with a second by Council Member Stieve-McPadden to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried 4/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden with a second by Council Member Butterfield to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion Carried 4/0.

1. Approve Minutes of the September 23, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approve Minutes of the September 23, 2019 Council Workshop Meeting.
3. Approve Claims for the Month of September 2019. Check numbers 22542 to 22570, E-check numbers 5414E to 5442E. Bank check numbers 50098 to 50100.
4. Acknowledge Proclamation for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day.
5. Approve Resolution 10-14-19-34 Appointment of Carl Olson to the Mayer Fire Department.

Mayor Dodge read Proclamation for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day to members of audience and Council. City Administrator McCallum presented signed proclamation to Dewit Meier.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. **Approve Resolution 10-14-19-35 PERA Benefit Increase** – After a lengthy discussion, a MOTION to Approve increasing the annual PERA benefit level for Mayer Fire Fighters to \$2700, an estimated contribution of \$5,261 paid by the City of Mayer, was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden. Motion carried 3/1 (Mayor Dodge a nay). Mayor Dodge stated he was concerned with increasing the benefits again since Council just voted on an increase a month and a half ago and feels this will not entice volunteers to join.
2. **Approve 2020 Fire Contracts** –A MOTION to Approve 2020 Fire Contracts with Camden Township, Hollywood Township, Waconia Township, and Watertown Township was made by Council Member Butterfield and seconded by Council Member Boder. Motion Carried 4/0. Fire Chief Maetzold invited Council to show their support at the Mayer Fire Department Fish Fry on Sunday, October 20, 2019. He also informed Council that the Fire Department will be installing two signs honoring fallen Fire Fighter, Jeffrey Vollmer.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. **Presentation on upcoming Watertown-Mayer School Referendum** – Ron Wilke, Superintendent of Watertown-Mayer School District #111 presented a PowerPoint on the upcoming School Referendum Special Election. Council thanked Ron Wilke for his presentation.
2. **Approve Council Chambers Audio/Visual Upgrades** – Tabled
3. **Approve Resolution 10-14-19-36 2020 Sheriff's Department Contract** – After continued discussion on the 2020 Sheriff's Contract, Council indicated they would like to see if the City of New Germany would consider sharing a Carver County Deputy. Council directed City Administrator to set up a future meeting with New Germany to discuss willingness to share Deputy and costs. Mayor Dodge asked City Administrator to reach out to the local businesses and invite them to discuss any concerns they may have with having a night shift Sheriff.

ENGINEERING

1. **Discussion on MPCA Phosphorus Limits at Waste-Water Treatment Facility** – City Engineers David Martini and Ryan Kotta of Bolton & Menk discussed the new MPCA requirements with Council. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) notified the City that a new water quality-based effluent limit needed for phosphorus control. MPCA has requested a long list of requirements to bring the Waste-Water Treatment Facility into compliance. The City Engineers and Waste-Water Treatment Contractor do not feel they can meet the limit in the time required and recommended asking the MPCA for a compliance schedule. A MOTION to authorize Bolton & Menk to draft a letter to the MPCA asking for a compliance schedule was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Butterfield. Motion carried 4/0.
2. **Discussion on New Germany-Waste-Water Treatment Study** – The City has received a request by the City of New Germany to consider connection to the City of Mayer's waste-water infrastructure. New Germany is looking at several options and connecting to Mayer's WWTF is one of their possible future options. Council agreed they would be willing to sit down and discuss a proposal from New Germany. Council stated that all costs, such as studies, and engineering fees, would have to be paid by New Germany. A MOTION to explore options to connect New Germany to the City of Mayer's WWTF, assuming there would be no costs incurred by the City of Mayer, was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden. Motion carried 4/0.

Council directed Staff to reach out to New Germany and find out if they would be willing to take on all costs.

3. **Discussion on 2020 Well, Water Tower, and WTP Projects** – City Administrator McCallum asked Council for direction on the 2020 New Production Well and Well Restoration, Water Tower Rehabilitation, and Water Treatment Plant improvement projects, including the engineering scope and fee for preliminary design, financing assistance, and final design. The estimated new production well and well rehabilitation improvement cost is projected to be \$400,000 - \$500,000 with the total well design fee for engineering projected to be \$51,500. The estimated water tower rehabilitation project cost is projected to be around \$350,000 - \$500,000 with the total design fee for engineering projected to be \$25,000. The estimated water treatment plant improvement cost is projected to be \$375,000 - \$475,000 with the total design fee for engineering projected to be \$45,000. Total estimated cost being \$1,125,000 - \$1,475,000.

These projects were considered in the rate study completed in 2018 and projected to be completed in 2021 and 2022. The well improvement projects, and water treatment plant improvements can be paid through the Minnesota Drinking Water Revolving Fund Loan Program. The water tower project proposed to be paid for in cash. The City of Mayer currently has \$1,132,292 in cash reserves in the water fund.

A MOTION authorizing Bolton & Menk to move forward with engineering designs for the 2020 Well, Water Tower, and WTP projects was made by Council Member Butterfield and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden. Motion carried 4/0.

Council directed City Administrator to invite a financial advisor to come in and answer questions from the Council.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- Acknowledge Minutes for the October 8, 2019 Park Board Meeting.

COUNCIL CONCERNS

- Council Member Boder ask City Administrator if there were any answers from the Fire Chief regarding the misinformation communicated to residents and staff. He requested a copy Fire Department Meeting Minutes and suggested including the minutes in future Council packets.
- Council Member Stieve-McPadden asked Staff about key access to the Community Center for community groups who hold meetings on a regular basis. She would like a discussion added to a future Work Session.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Butterfield to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Motion Carried 4/0

Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Janell Gildemeister, Deputy City Clerk