

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 6 JULY 22, 2013

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

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

ABSENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Ivan Raconteur, Mike & Peggy Wegner, Mark Kjolhaug, Aimee Studer, Diane Buranen, Stan Heldt

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 Osborn to approve the agenda with the addition of a request from Zion Lutheran School. Motion Carried 4/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve the Minutes of the July 8, 2013 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approve the Minutes of the June 11, 2013 Park Board Meeting.
3. Approve the Additional Claims for the Month of July 2013
4. Approve the Sheriff's Department Report for the Month ending June 2013.

Council Member Boder arrives.

STAFF REPORTS

1. **Public Works** ó Council reviewed Jarred Loehrs's monthly report of Public Works activities for the period of June 21 - July 17, 2013.
2. **City Engineer** ó The Council reviewed David Martini's summary of the projects Bolton & Menk have been working on during the billing period May 11 ó June 7, 2013.
3. **Sheriff's Department** ó Administrator Murphy reported that Deputy Hodge has been organizing a National Night Out event which will be held at the Mayer Community Center on August 6, 2013.
4. **City Administration** – The Council reviewed a report from June 24 ó July 19, 2013 outlining activities by the City Administrator. The Fund Balances for June 2013 were reviewed.

CITY ENGINEER

1. **Residents Sewer Service at 312 4th St NE** ó The property owner at 312 4th St NE appeared before the Council to report that they have had some sewer issues in the two sections of their sanitary sewer service that was replaced as part of the 2007 East Side Street project. He presented the Council with pictures of their televised sewer line. They are asking for some sort of help with repairs. The warranty on the initial project was only two years. The Council asked them to get cost estimates for the repairs. No further action was taken at this time.
2. **Vinkemeier Wetland Agreement** ó City Wetland Specialist, Mark Kjolhaug, appeared before the Council to explain wetland credits as they pertain to the current storm water project. The two year project has been held up due to recent changes the adjacent property owner has made to the agreement

that the City does not agree with. The City Engineer is looking to the Council for direction. He does not want to spend more time and money if the project does not proceed. He did report that all work to date will still be valid at a future point when the City is ready to proceed with the project. The Council directed Administrator Murphy to continue to negotiate with the property owner.

3. **Cost Estimates on 62nd St** ó As requested, the City Engineer presented cost estimates for 62nd Street that would be completed in conjunction with the construction of the roundabout at the T.H. 25 intersection. The following options are:
 - Reconstruct 62nd Street as an urban section 32øwide with curb and gutter and storm sewer at an estimated cost of \$310,010.48.
 - Pave 62nd Street with a bituminous surface 24øwide on the existing gravel base at an estimated cost of \$123,652.03.

The Council will review and discuss the options further at the work session on August 12, 2013. The City Engineer also reported that the Roundabout layout was submitted to MnDOT today for review.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. **Water Bill for 421 Ash Ave N** – The property owner at 421 Ash Ave N. had an excessive amount of water usage last month due to power washing the outside of the building. They do not have a second water meter. They are requesting an adjustment to their water bill for only the sewer portion on the additional 30,000 gallons of water used in the amount of \$199.50. After some discussion, a MOTION was made by Council Member Lueth and seconded by Council Member Boder to waive the \$199.50 on the sewer portion of their bill upon full payment of their delinquent utility account in full by August 10, 2013. Motion Carried 4/1 (Dodge)
2. **Sod Repair Invoice Tom Muehlberg 2495 River Bend Trail** ó The resident at 2495 River Bend Trail had submitted a bill for sod replacement at a previous meeting. The snow removal contractor is refusing to pay for the sod damage. The Council reviewed the timeline of the snow plow/sod damage events from this spring. At the time staff inspected the affected properties, it was determined that the damage at 2495 had been repaired by the contractor. Since the homeowner did not report that the repairs were not to his satisfaction and that no pictures had been documented before he had his own work completed, the City has decided not to reimburse him for the work.
3. **Direction on Dead Boulevard trees for Fieldstone Development** – Staff has been contacted by the Fieldstone Homeowners Association about dead trees in the development. The Council directed Staff to check on warranty of the newest trees and to obtain quotes for replacement. The Council will decide on a replacement plan at a future meeting.
4. **Finance Committee** – Council Member Lueth has submitted an email requesting to have someone else serve on the Finance Committee because of an outside commitment. The Council discussed the effectiveness of the Finance Committee. Council Member Boder volunteered to replace Council Member Lueth. A MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden removing Dann Lueth and appointing Erick Boder to serve on the Finance Committee. Motion Carried 5/0
5. **Approval of Gym Agreement with Mayer Lutheran High School** – The City has an agreement with Mayer Lutheran High School for gym rental during the school year. The fee of \$17.50 per hour with a minimum of 2 hours has not changed for several years even though gas and electric has increased. After some discussion, a MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Mayor Dodge approving the gym rental agreement for 2013-2014 for Mayer Lutheran High School at a fee of \$18.50 per hour with a minimum of 2 hours. Motion Carried 4/1 (Lueth)

6. **Approval of Additional Premium for Dental Insurance** – The City's Dental Insurance benefit is increasing by \$2.25 per month per employee ó a total annual increase of \$81.00. A MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Lueth approving the additional premium for dental insurance effective July 1st in the amount of \$2.25 per employee per month. Motion Carried 5/0

7. **Presentation of the General Fund Budget for 2014** ó Administrator Murphy presented the preliminary General Budget for review. Past Levy amounts were discussed as well as the LGA amounts that have been used in past budgets. There was some discussion as to what amount of LGA to put into the budget for 2014. It was reported that there have been no wage increases for the City Employees in at least five years. The Finance Committee and/or Personnel Committee will meet to discuss personnel wages.

8. **Zion Lutheran School Request to use Field #4** ó The City has received a request from Zion Lutheran School to use Field #4 during school hours for the coming school year. Because of the expansion of their campus, their softball field is no longer available. The City will draft an agreement, consult with our Attorney and bring the matter back to the Council for approval.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Stieve-McPadden gave a report on the Mayer Rising Community Festival held July 13, 2013. The Committee will be meeting next week to wrap up the event and prepare for next year.

OTHER BUSINESS

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 8:20 p.m. Motion Carried 5/0

Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk