

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES ó OCTOBER 24, 2011

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

PRESENT: Mayor Capaul, Council Members Boder and Osborn.

ABSENT: Council Members Stieve-McPadden and Lueth.

STAFF: City Administrator Murphy, City Engineer David Martini, City Attorney David Hubert, Deputy Chris Nelson and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Ivan Raconteur, Emily Hentges, Chris Biehle and Mike Dodge

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION made by Council Member Boder with a second by Council Member Osborn to approve the agenda with the deletion of the Contract with Countryside Veterinarian Clinic. Motion Carried 3/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn with a second by Council Member Boder to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion Carried 3/0.

1. Approve the Minutes of the October 10, 2011 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approve the Minutes of the September 20, 2011 EDA Meeting.
3. Approve the Additional Claims for the Month of October 2011.
 - Including Bolton & Menk for \$1,559.00; and Hawkins Inc for \$1,190.96.
4. Approve the Sheriff's Department Report for the Month of September 2011.
5. Approve the Gambling Report for the Mayer Baseball Club for the month of September 2011.

STAFF REPORTS

1. **Public Works** ó Council reviewed Jeff Frost's report ending October 24, 2011.
2. **City Engineer** ó The Council reviewed David Martini summary of the projects Bolton & Menk have been working on during the billing period August 20, 2011 through September 16, 2011.
3. **Sheriff's Department** ó Deputy Nelson had nothing to report.
4. **City Administration** – The Council reviewed a report from September 26 through October 21, 2011 outlining activities by the City Administrator. Administrator Murphy also presented the 3rd quarter financial statements for the Water, Sewer and General Funds.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. **Continued Discussion on No fault Sewer Coverage** ó City Insurance Agent Chris Biehle appeared before the Council to answer any questions regarding no fault sewer coverage. He reviewed which sewer backups are covered and any exclusions and conditions to the coverage. The Council discusses the fact that this does not mean that residents do not need their own insurance, but it would provide optional coverage that would reimburse a property owner for clean-up costs and damages resulting from a city sewer backup or from a city water main break,

irrespective of whether the backup was caused by city negligence. At a little over a dollar per connection, the Council realizes that this coverage option may be a reasonable helpful tool. After further discussion, a MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Mayor Capaul approving the purchase of additional no-fault sewer insurance coverage of \$40,000 limit (\$250,000 per occurrence) at a cost of \$734 effective immediately. Motion carried 3/0.

2. **Approve Maintenance Agreement with Watertown Township** ó currently the City of Mayer has Watertown Township complete some maintenance of 62nd Street. Staff is recommending that the city have the Township complete the snow removal on the township road. A MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Boder approving the contract for maintenance with Watertown Township setting the not to exceed amount at \$5,000. Motion Carried 3/0.
3. **Approve Ordinance #173 Board of Appeals** ó A MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Osborn approving Ordinance #173 Establishing Board of Appeals and Adjustments and Providing for Variances. Motion Carried 3/0 (Ordinance #173 is in response to the recent change in MN State Statute 462.357, subdivision 6.)
4. **Approve Ordinance #174 Building Regulations and Appeals** ó A MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Boder approving Ordinance #174 Building Regulations Appeals. Motion carried 3/0

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Boder to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion Carried 3/0

Chris Capaul, Mayor

Attest: _____
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk