

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES 6 JULY 23, 2012

Call Work Session to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Chris Capaul

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

ABSENT: Council Member Lueth

STAFF: City Administrator Murphy, Andrew Budde of Bolton & Menk, Public Works Jeff Frost and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Ivan Raconteur, Ken Olson and Rod Maetzold

1. **REQUEST TO EXEMPT ANIMAL 4-H PROJECTS FROM CITY CODE** – Ken Olson is requesting that the City exempt animal 4-H projects from the City Code. Currently farm animals are not permitted in the City. He is asking to have chickens as a 4-H project. The Council will review the request and put the matter on the agenda for August 13.
2. **CIP 2013** – The Council reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan for year 2013. A few changes were made.
3. **GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2013** – The preliminary budget was reviewed.
4. **WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT** – Andrew Budde of Bolton & Menk discussed the Wetland Restoration project with the Council. Upon completion of the project, the City would be eligible for wetland bank credits. Preliminary costs of \$190,000 are estimated to be needed to complete the project. The County would contribute \$50,000 as a grant and the Vinkemeier portion of the project is about 21%. Joel Vinkemeier has expressed a desire to manage his own property and would be required to contribute to the project. Administrator Murphy reported that there is approximately \$105,000 in the Storm Water Fund. The Council instructed Staff to add the plans and specifications to their August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.
5. **TARP ON THE ROOF AT 209 ASH AVE N.** – The property owner at 209 Ash Ave N was sent a letter asking him to replace the tarp that is being used as roof covering on his building with an approved roof covering. The property owner has not responded to the letter. The Council gave Administrator Murphy authority to enforce the building code for the needed repairs on this property and any other properties that may fall into this category.
6. **PARKING ON BASKETBALL COURT AND ALLEY SIGNAGE** – It has come to the City's attention that there have been cars parking on the basketball court, hindering residents from playing on the court. The Park Board will address this issue at their next meeting.
7. **LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL GYM AGREEMENT** – The Council discussed the gym agreement with Mayer Lutheran High School for the upcoming school year. It was decided to leave the per hour rent at \$17.50 per hour with a two hour minimum.
8. **ELECTRONIC SIGN** – The EDA and Park Board has been working with First Minnesota Bank on the installation of a LED sign to be used as a Community Billboard. A committee has been formed that will review and set rules for a Sign Policy.
9. **OTHER ISSUES** –
  - The Recycling Center should be up and running later this summer. The New Germany Environmental Club will continue to work every other Saturday. Administrator Murphy will call Mayer Lutheran High School to see if anyone there would like to work the other Saturdays. Money from the Compost Grant could be used as a donation for them to work the dates.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Chris Capaul, Mayor

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