

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES 6 AUGUST 27, 2012

Call Work Session to order at 7:20 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 6 Bolton & Menk, and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Ivan Raconteur and Mike Dodge

1. PROPERTY TAX WORKING GROUP UPDATE AND POWER POINT –

Administrator Murphy presented a power point and updated the Council on the Property Tax Working Group she has been involved with for the past two years. She will be presenting this presentation at the Service Delivery Committee at the League of Minnesota Cities on Wednesday, August 29, 2012.

2. DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC WORKS POSITION – The City has received 21 applications so far for the Public Works position. Applications close Thursday, August 30th. The Public Works committee are to pick the top 3 6 5 candidates in each category (licensed and non-licensed) to interview. Tuesday, September 11th during the day, was tentatively set for interviews.

3. DISCUSSION ON FARMING IN THE CITY – For their information, the Council reviewed a graph compiled by staff to more visualize the farming activity within the City limits.

4. GRAVEL HAULING IN COLDWATER CROSSING – Security Bank had sold gravel from the Coldwater Crossing development that had been hauled out of the City. The City had them stopped from removing any more gravel without a letter of credit.

5. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON THE 2013 BUDGET –The City has received its market value for Pay 2013, and based on the proposed 2013 budget, the tax rate will be 70.978%. (2012 rate was 65.662%) The Council reviewed the calculation and information based on the 2013 Budget on the City's market value. Additional suggested cuts may cut another 1%. It was recommended to approve the Preliminary Levy at \$992,539. Further cuts could be made before the Final Levy is required in December.

6. CHANGES TO SHERIFF'S CONTRACT (\$11,000 SAVINGS) – Camden Township is considering purchasing the same amount of time that Watertown Township has for Police Services. At this time, the Sheriff's Department would like to keep the position as one so they have asked if the City would be willing to give up 10% of the time. This would be a reduction in the contract of roughly \$11,000. No action will be taken until a new contract is presented.

7. TELEVISIONING COUNCIL MEETINGS – Staff was asked to check on the cost to televise Council meetings. The City of Watertown spent \$20,000 for cameras and some updates to

their current system. The City of Norwood Young America spent \$80,000 on new equipment when they built their new City Hall. NU-Telecom will be getting firm numbers to the City on the actual cost for Mayer to televise.

8. BLOCK PARTY INFORMATION – Administrator Murphy presented a form and guidelines for a block party. The Council had requested input on a policy and form for our City's use.

9. OTHER ISSUES –
None

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Chris Capaul, Mayor

Attest: _____
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk