

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES 6 SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

Call Work Session to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Chris Capaul

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

ABSENT: Council Member Boder

STAFF: City Administrator Murphy, David Martini ó Bolton & Menk and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Emily Hedges, Ivan Raconteur, Mike Dodge, Jarred Loehrs, Ken Olson, Arlene Steinborn, Susan Stender and Gerald Nelson.

- 1. CHICKEN IN THE CITY** – The Council continued discussion about allowing residents to have chickens in the City. There were several residents in attendance and a petition had been presented asking the Council to not allow chickens in the City of Mayer. The Council gave no direction to staff to change the Ordinance at this time.
- 2. COLDWATER CROSSING REQUEST** – Security Bank, owner of Coldwater Crossing, has been in discussions with Wade Thaemert regarding tilling the soil and planting timothy grass on the west side of the Coldwater Crossing development. Thaemert would need to access the property from Co Rd 30 which he has done in the past. The grass would be cut and baled to make it healthier for the grass and give a better appearance for the whole development. Security Bank will not be receiving rental income on this portion of the property so it will not affect its usage for the tax assessed valuation. Security Bank also intends to prevent trees from growing in the road beds and allowing weeds to get out of control which would make it unsightly and more costly to develop in the future.

After further discussion, the matter will be put on the next Council agenda for action.

- 3. DEAF CHILD SIGN POLICY** – The City has received a request from a resident to place a deaf child sign on their street. Administrator Murphy provided some information from the Minnesota Statutes that gives cities the authority to regulate their local streets and MnDOT does not utilize "deaf child" signs since it is not enforceable and can lead to a false sense of security. There is also a rather broad view that warning signs have a negative impact on safety. This is because drivers tend to ignore them and the children and families tend to feel safer because of the presence of the sign. Discussion included adopting a policy or doing nothing at all. When no decision came forward, Administrator Murphy decided to develop a policy for the Council to react to.
- 4. ENGINEERING COSTS FOR WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT** – City Engineer David Martini reported that engineering costs for the Wetland Restoration project have exceeded the original \$25,000 projection by \$3,000 for everything to date including design. He wanted the Council to know now and not have any surprises. Discussion included the fact that the County will be helping to pay for engineering costs. Further discussions included asking the County to help with construction oversight.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Chris Capaul, Mayor

Attest: _____
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk