

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES 6 NOVEMBER 26, 2012

Call Work Session to order at 6:55 p.m. by Acting Mayor Tice Stieve-McPadden

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

ABSENT: Mayor Capaul

STAFF: City Administrator Murphy, City Engineer David Martini, Greg Kluver, Jarred Loehrs and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Emily Hedges, Ivan Raconteur, Mike Dodge and Wade Thaemert.

1. **Water and Sewer Budgets** – The Council discusses raising rates due to continuous decline in water revenues. They would like to see a combination of base rate and user rate increases through the next 5 to 10 years. Administrator Murphy will get rates from surrounding communities for the Council to compare.

Greg Kluver reviewed the sewer budget narrative with the Council. The Council would like to see what sewer lines are left to slip line.

2. **Finn's Liquor License** – This property is current on their utility bill, but no 2012 taxes have been paid to date. They will be sent a friendly reminder that our ordinance states the taxes must be paid prior to liquor license issuance.
3. **Discussion on Wade Thaemert's Request** – Wade Thaemert appeared before the Council to request to plant alfalfa grass with oats on the house pads only in Coldwater Crossing. He will not apply pesticides but would like to apply fertilizer if allowed (nitrogen & pot ash). There will be no planting on road beds. The crops will be harvested up to four times per year. The Council is fine with this plan and would allow fertilizer.
4. **Fence at Old Creamery** – The Fire Department assisted with the removal of trees in the fence at the old creamery 113 5th St NW. The Council was asked if they want the fence to come down as it is in poor shape. They decide to wait until spring to make a decision on the fence.
5. **Other Issues** – Council Member Lueth has questions about the Sheriff's Contract for 2013. He would like to communicate to the Sheriff's Department that we don't get value for our money working every day from 9 am to 5 pm. He would like to see flex times and some 2 - 10 pm hours.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Tice Stieve-McPadden, Acting Mayor

Attest: _____
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk