

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES ó FEBRUARY 27, 2012

Call Regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. by Acting Mayor Stieve-McPadden

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

ABSENT: Mayor Chris Capaul

STAFF: Andrew Budde, City Engineer, Deputy Chris Nelson, Deputy Mark Fluhrer and Administrator Murphy

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Emily Hedges, Milfred Dalchow, Tim Duckworth, Mike Dodge, and Greg Kluver.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

A MOTION made by Council Member Lueth with a second by Council Member Osborn to approve the agenda. Carried 4/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Milfred Dalchow appeared before the Council about piling of snow at the Community Center and his concern for parking during the fish fry.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Osborn requested to pull item 4.6 Approval of Resolution 2-27-2012-5 Acceptance of Donations for further discussion.

On a motion by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Lueth to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 4/0.

1. Approval of the minutes for the February 13, 2012 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of Park Board minutes for the January 10, 2012 Meeting
3. Approval of the EDA minutes for the January 17, 2012 Meeting
4. Additional Claims for the month of February 2012
5. Approval of the Gambling Report for the month ending January 2012
6. Approval of the Sheriff's Department Report for the month ending January 2012

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 4.6

Council Member Osborn questioned the donations to the Old Schoolhouse Park Fund and whether the City could earmark funds. Council Member Osborn had contacted the Gambling Control about the City accepting funds for a specific project. On a motion by Council Member Lueth and seconded by Acting Mayor Stieve-McPadden to approve resolution 20-27-2012-5 Acceptance of Donations. On a vote of 2 ayes (Lueth and Stieve-McPadden) and 2 nays (Osborn and Boder) the resolution is not passed.

STAFF REPORTS

1. **Public Works** ó Council reviewed Jeff Frost's report ending February 27, 2012.

2. **City Engineer** ó The Council reviewed David Martini summary of the projects Bolton & Menk have been working on during the billing period December 10, through January 20, 2012.
3. **Sheriff's Department** ó Deputy Nelson reviewed the 2011 yearly statistics in comparison to 2010 statistics. He stated that Mayer is 92% compliant for seatbelt usages. He also introduced Deputy Mark Fluhrer who is completing his field training with Deputy Nelson.
4. **City Administration** – The Council reviewed a report from January 9- February 24, 2012 outlining activities by the City Administrator.
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ANNUAL REPORT ON WWTF

Greg Kluver of Devries and Kluver presented his annual operations and maintenance report to the Council. The Mayer Waste Water Treatment facility has been in compliance for the past seven years and has received 12 awards from the MPCA. General items of interest to the Council: Budget for 2011 was \$137,145 actual year end was under the projected budget at \$125,276.

The flows at the WWTF were higher in 2011 than 2010 by 5 million gallons. Along with the increased flows biosolid cost for removal was higher. The plant continues to operate at removal rates for BOD₅ at 97.2% and TSS at 97.2%.

The City did see a decrease in electric costs even with a rate increase the City saved \$3,000 in 2011 compared to 2010.

Council thanked Greg for his service to the community and for his operation of the plant.

DNR REQUEST ON THE CREAMERY WELL

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is interested in the well at the Old Creamery. Staff is requesting approval to begin the process to transfer ownership to the DNR. Staff will make a determination on whether the well is transferred or if a user agreement would be appropriate. City Engineer will examine the gamma log and information that the DNR has recently completed to assist the City in making the determination on the proper agreements. Staff will bring agreements in the future to the Council for approval.

CITY HALL RENTAL REQUEST

The Community Center is rented for 2 weddings that are back to back in August. The decorator is planning on hanging a ceiling drop for both weddings. The question has been asked if they could leave the drop up from one weekend to the next. The City does not currently have a fee for a request unless we use the \$75 per day additional day fee. Staff is requesting direction from the Council on the fee.

ZION SCHOOL REQUEST

The City has a request from Zion School to close 2nd Street NW for Vacation Bible School June 11-15, 2012 during the daytime. They are also requesting the use of the city barricades. In the past the City Council has approved the closure of the street. Staff is recommending the closure of the street. A motion approving the closing of 2nd Street NW for Zion Vacation Bible School June 11-15, 2012.

MARCH 12 MEETING

Mayer Lutheran High has requested a joint meeting with the Mayer City Council to discuss the proposed round a about. The meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2012 after the regular Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Boder to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. Motion carried 4/0.

Etienne Stieve-McPadden, Acting Mayor

Attest: _____
Lois Maetzold, City Clerk

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