

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES 6 FEBRUARY 27, 2012

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 7:20 PM.

EDA COMMISSIONERS

Staff presented the information on the history of the EDA and its activities since its inception in 2005.

Discussion about the role of the EDA and what information the Council wants brought forward on proposals. The group agreed that the City Council and EDA should be holding joint meetings twice a year and one of those meetings should be to establish goals for the EDA. When considering a proposal the City Council would like information on number of jobs, tax base impacts and quality of life benefits to the community.

Council Member Osborn brought forward the idea that the City should be talking to New Germany about conjoining the Fire Departments and also with MN DOT about a transfer station at the WWTF ponds.

FIRE RELIEF REQUEST

Fire relief has submitted a request to MN PERA for its retirement. The Mayer Fire Board will be meeting on Tuesday, March 6 to discuss the change. Advantages of changing to PERA would be the \$3,000 a year auditing costs would no longer be required; investment income would be more stable and portability of retirement funds. The Fire Department is requesting that the City change the benefit level from \$1,600 to \$2,000. Council asked staff to compile a list of City contributions to the Fire Department Relief.

GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS

Council does not want to change from the current requirements.

CLEANING CONTRACT

Staff informed Council that Coverall had given the City a 30 day notice. Personnel Committee instructed staff to contact local contractors and independent cleaners for quotes. Staff asked Council to provide names of anyone they thought that might be interested. Staff will present the list to the City Council at the March 12, 2012 meeting.

COMPLAINT LETTER

Personnel Committee dealt with the complaint letter according to the City policy. City Council will address changes to the Community Center Rental Rules. Also, a workshop on proper procedure for bringing complaints forward. Council instructed staff to find out the cost for a consultant to do a work session on team building with staff and council.

PARK BOARD

Discussion about the Park Board and funds in the Park Fund and how it can be used. These funds would need Council approval to be spent. Staff will complete an audit of the park fund to try to decide where the finds originated from.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Etienne Stieve-McPadden, Acting Mayor

Attest: _____
Lois Maetzold, City Clerk