

MAYER COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 25, 2021

Call Work Session to order at 6:55 p.m. by Mayor Dodge.

PRESENT: Mayor Dodge, Council Members Heldt, McNeilly, Millender, and Wegner.

ABSENT:

STAFF: City Administrator McCallum, Fire Chief Andy Maetzold, and Deputy Clerk Gildemeister

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Jeff Weyandt.

1. **Discussion on 2021 Street Project Update:** City Administrator McCallum presented special assessment data with previous data and comparisons per Council request. Council stated that the comparison data was very helpful. McCallum stated the Public Hearing is scheduled for November 8, 2021. Residents being assessed have been invited to the public hearing and provided information on what their special assessments will be. Properties are assessed based on square footage and policy. Council asked for clarification on the 15-year and asked if the term be changed to 20 years or is the City locked in. Council approved to the 15-year at a 3.54% with the option for residents to pay off the assessment early. Council discussed policy and timeline and wanted to know if they can close the public hearing and discuss the options further? Jeff Weyandt, City Engineer with Bolton & Menk approached the podium to answer question pertaining to the timeline and policy. Weyandt stated the Council does have flexibility that night to change policy, cap assessments, change the interest rate, change the years, or close the public hearing to have further discussion. Weyandt advised Council of the short timeline for continued discussion and felt Council would have a couple of weeks. Council directed McCallum to include for the hearing the original assessment figures, information on receiving lower bids and indicate that the project came in less than expected, and that residents are getting a decent interest rate and can pay of the assessment early.
2. **Discussion on American Recovery Plan Act Funds:** City Administrator McCallum brought back discission on the ARPA funds and asked Council to set some priorities. McCallum provided guidance from the US Dept of treasury on how to spend the funds. Utility assistance programs. McCallum stated the City is doing very and do not have a lot of projects. Recommended I&I of private properties. 100 properties in the older part of town. Other a matching grant to replace the properties lines. Council asked if some of the funds can be used for WWTF. How did the city budget for lining in the past. Council agreed this is a good start. Municipalities are to take on management of funds. County is not willing to work with Cities as of now. Back to March and possible back pay for essential workers. Benefit the entire community. Council asked Fire Chief about the 16 radios and did they just get replaced. FC stated it was the pagers that were replaced. Proposing a base radio and a handset. Medical jumpsuits. 10 radios are budgeted in 2022. No other items are budgeted. McCallum stated the money can be used now. Council asked Maetzold if the base station should be purchased now. Base radio and handset, jumpsuits, radios...City is security. Council likes base radio and 6 radios. Upgrading clarifying ponds.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest:

Janell Gildemeister, City Clerk MCMC