

MAYER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - DECEMBER 12, 2011

Call Regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Chris Capaul

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

ABSENT:

STAFF: City Administrator Murphy, Andrew Budde - Bolton & Menk, Public Works Jeff Frost, Deputy Sheriff Chris Nelson and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz, Emily Hentges, Mike Dodge, Ken Plocher, Lowell Wasser, Marty Walsh, Stewart Crosby, Mike McGarvey, and Carver County Commissioners Tim Lynch and Jim Ische

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden with a second by Council Member Osborn to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried 5/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Wachholz thanked the Council for keeping a lid on spending as shown by the reduction of his taxes.

Ken Plocher had a different response as his taxes went up \$200. Administrator Murphy stated that the difference will be explained in the Truth in Taxation portion of the meeting.

Lowell Wasser was awarded with a Certificate for serving on the Mayer Planning Commission from August of 1999 to December of 2011.

Don Wachholz was awarded with a Certificate thanking him for being a dedicated and informed citizen and for his attendance at all of the Council meetings in 2011.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn with a second by Council Member Boder to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Motion Carried 5/0.

1. Approve the Minutes of the November 28, 2011 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approve the Minutes of the November 28, 2011 Work Session Meeting.
3. Approve the Claims for the Month of December 2011.
4. Approve the Check Summary for the Month of November 2011.
5. Approve the Building Permit Report for the Month Ending November 2011.
6. Approve Resolution 12-12-2011-36 Appointment of Elizabeth Butterfield to the Park Board
7. Acceptance of Planning and Zoning Commission Resignation of Lowell Wasser as of 12/31/11.

PUBLIC HEARING - TRUTH IN TAXATION

The Public Hearing of the Truth in Taxation meeting was called to order. Administrator Murphy presented a power point on the 2011 tax credit changing to 2012 value exclusion and explained how the replacement for the state's market value homestead credit program may impact the city portion of 2012 property taxes.

There being no further questions, the Public Hearing was closed and the regular meeting was reconvened.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

- 1. **Approval of 2012 final Levy and Budget** - The Council reviewed the Finance Committees recommendations for further reductions to the General Fund budget. It was explained that an interfund loan could be used for a new Fire Station roof. Mayor Capaul would like to see \$5,000 kept in the budget to begin repaying the loan back over five years. After further discussion, a MOTION was made by Council Member Lueth and seconded by Council Member Boder to Approve Resolution 12-12-2011-33 Final Tax Levy for the City of Mayer Collection in 2012: Motion Carried 5/0

General Fund Levy	\$406,170.00
Debt Service	
Fund 100 FIRE STATION	\$ 8,308.00
Fund 325 EAST SIDE AND HWY 25	\$160,000.00
Fund 640 SEWER DEBT	<u>\$390,000.00</u>
TOTAL LEVY:	\$964,478.00

- 2. **Approve the Final General Fund Budget for 2012** - With the approval of the 2012 Final Levy, a MOTION was then made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Boder to Approve Resolution 12-2012-34 the Final General Fund Budget for 2012: Motion Carried 5/0

Total General Fund	\$680,278.00
Total Debt	<u>\$558,308.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE 2011 BUDGET	\$1,238,586.00

- 3. **Mayer Fire Department Officers for 2012** - A MOTION was made by Mayor Capaul and seconded by Council Member Stieve-McPadden to approve the following Fire Department Officers: Motion Carried 5/0

POSITION	NAME	LENGTH	TERM
Fire Chief (Chief 1)	Rod Maetzold	1 year	12/31/2012
Training Captain	Andy Maetzold	2 years	12/31/2013
Captain	Pat Esser	2 years	12/31/2013
Secretary	Pat Esser	2 years	12/31/2013

4. **Resolution 12-12-2011-35 Payment of Additional Claims for December 2011** - The City Council will only be meeting once this month and there will be some additional claims for the month that will need to be paid. Council in the past has authorized staff to pay the additional claims for the month of December. A MOTION was made by Council Member Boder and seconded by Council Member Lueth to approve Resolution 12-12-2011-35 payment of additional claims for December 2011. Motion Carried 5/0
5. **Resolution 12-12-2011-37 Establishing Sewer and Water Service Rates in the City of Mayer** - The Finance Committee met and explored several variations to increasing revenue for the water and sewer funds and is proposing rate increases to cover a portion of the deficit. The committee would like to see a shift from the City continuing to spend from our reserves. The Council reviewed the proposed rates. After review, a MOTION was made by Council Member Osborn and seconded by Council Member Lueth to approve Resolution 12-12-2011-37 Establishing Sewer and Water Service Rates in the City of Mayer. Motion Carried 5/0
6. **Water and Sewer Budgets for 2012** - The Finance Committee met and is recommending approval of the Water Fund Budget in the amount of \$392,693.00 and the Sewer Fund Budget in the amount of \$689,649.00. They also propose to change Public Works split of 1/3 each to General/Water/Sewer to a 1/2 to General and 1/4 to Water/Sewer. After review, a MOTION was made by Council Member Lueth and seconded by Council Member Osborn approving the Water and Sewer Budgets as presented. Motion Carried 5/0
7. **Police Services Contract for 2012** - The City has received the contract for the 2012 Police Services for the City of Mayer. Last year's amount for services was \$89,525 which included \$2,100 to the Drug Task Force. With staffing changes at the Sheriff's Department the City is able to see a reduction of \$9,278 in the cost for services. A change to the contract is that the Sheriff's Department changed the billing to quarterly. Contract Cities have requested that it should remain at bi-annual. An addendum to the contract will need to be processed in 2012. A MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Osborn approving the Police Services Contract with the Carver County Sheriff's Department for 2012 in the amount of \$80,247.55 which includes \$2,100 for the Drug Task Force. Motion Carried 5/0

Council Member Osborn leaves the meeting.

8. **Carver County Parks Update on Dakota Regional Trail** - Marty Walsh Carver County Parks Director was present to update the City Council on the next phase of the Dakota Regional Trail. He presented a proposed master plan which includes enhancements to the trailhead in Mayer. It included a proposed picnic area and play feature as well as a picnic shelter/multi-use building. Landscape buffers and a future native prairie planting were also included. The County is asking for input on this latest proposed plan. General questions were answered by the County Parks Department and the County Commissioners in attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Council Member Boder to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion Carried 5/0

Chris Capaul, Mayor

Attest: _____
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk