

MAPLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

January 2, 2007 - Minutes

The Maple Lake City Council was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Northenscold in the Council Chambers of the City of Maple Lake.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dircks, Geyen, Kelly, Messina, and Northenscold.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney Rhonda Pagel, City Engineer Jeremy Mathiasen, and City Clerk/Treasurer Linda Hruby.

Oath of Office

Hruby administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Messina and Councillors Dircks and Geyen.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made/seconded/passed, (m/s/p), Messina/Kelly, to approve the agenda.

Consent Agenda

A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Northenscold, to approve the Consent Agenda including Approval of the December 20, 2006 Minutes; Approval of Disbursement List #07-01 and #LS01-02-07; Approval to raise all Ambulance Rates \$100 per Run and Mileage to \$15.00 per Mile, Retroactive to January 1, 2007; Acknowledgement of \$4,019 Dividend from League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust; Approval of 2007 Miscellaneous Appointments; and Approval of 2007 Committee Appointments.

New Business

Madigan's Pub and Grill – Compliance Issues

Hruby reported that her office was notified on December 21, 2006 that Madigan's failed a compliance check. They also failed a compliance check in May, 2006 and were issued a warning at that time, stating another failure could result in a fine and/or suspension of their liquor license. Typically, fines are from \$200 to \$2,000 (the highest amount allowed). The County has used \$200 for first violation, \$500 for 2nd and \$1,000 for 3rd. The employees at Madigan's have attended training classes. Since these fees are not addressed in the fee schedule, the Council needs to establish a fine for failed compliance checks. A discussion was held regarding the amount of the fine. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Northenscold, to impose a \$200.00 fine on Madigan's Pub and Grill for failure of a compliance check.

Airport Commission Report

Messina stated that the City is still pursuing Federal Designation for the airport.

Messina reported that the fuel facility at the airport needs to be removed this summer due to MPCA regulations. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Dircks, to proceed with a new fuel facility as follows: Mavencamp will be responsible for removal of the old fuel facility (state will not participate in the removal) and staff is authorized to contact the state regarding a grant agreement for a new City-owned fuel facility with an extended ramp.

Messina stated that the Airport Commission reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which will be submitted to MnDOT. The CIP is required for state participation in projects affecting the City.

Messina reported that a discussion was held regarding T-Hangars. In 2002 the City requested they be put on a list for interest-free money for building hangars, which the City would own. This would generate more income for the airport and also might assist with the maintenance of other hangars. Some of these hangars are in tough shape and one avenue to remove them would be that the City not renew the lease on these hangars.

It was the consensus of the Airport Commission to not accept a car donation based on liability issues.

A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Kelly, to approve the payment of 50% of the bills every year, with a limit of \$500.00 paid by the City. If over \$500.00, this item would need to be reviewed by the Airport Commission.

A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Dircks, to turn over any airport bill which is over 2 months late to the City attorney for further action and to require the leaseholder to pay all attorney fees.

Old Business/Directive Franchises

Nothing new to report.

Pete Mavencamp – Bill for Clean-up of Ditch

Mathiasen submitted a memo and pictures to the Council regarding the bill Pete Mavencamp submitted to the City for clean-up of the ditch north of 65th Street NW, recommending the City consider sharing a portion of the cost with Mavencamp with the condition that he stabilize or seed the excavated material spread in the area just north of the ditch. A lengthy discussion was held as follows: multiple sources use this ditch; erosion of roadway; responsibility for cleaning the ditch; trail between Spruce Avenue and Danielson Overlook Estates; and setting up a schedule for cleaning of ditches. Messina will contact Leland Schut, Maple Lake Township and this issue will be placed on the agenda for the first meeting in February.

Administrative Issues

Hruby reported the City received a letter from the County regarding election costs. The AutoMark machine was covered by a HAVA Grant. The cost for election materials and programming was paid for out of this grant and the City has a balance of \$360.38 towards the next election.

A Personnel Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Pagel distributed a copy of the Open Meeting Law Information, stating that this also applies to committees.

Adjournment

A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55: p.m.

Attest,

City Clerk/Treasurer