

MAPLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

January 16, 2007 – Minutes

The Maple Lake City Council was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Messina 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 and City Clerk/Treasurer Linda Hruby.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

A motion was m/s/p, Northenscold/Dircks, to approve the Consent Agenda including Approval of the January 2, 2007 Minutes; Approval of Disbursement List #07-02 and #LS01-16-07; Approval for Staff to Attend the MCFOA Region Meeting at the City of Ramsey on January 31, 2007; Approval for Staff to Attend the 2007 MCFOA Clerk's Conference in Alexandria; Approval of Annandale Community Food Shelf Donation Request of \$1,000 for 2007; Approval to set Board of Review on April 17, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., with Council Meeting to follow; Approval for Happy Knoll Estates 2nd Addition's Request for Letter of Credit Reduction from \$169,323.76 to \$111,250.00; and Approval for City Council to Attend Board of Appeal and Equalization Training Sessions.

New Business

2007 Maintenance Agreement with Wright County Highway Department

A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Kelly, to adopt Resolution #2007-01, approving the 2007 Maintenance Agreement with Wright County Highway Department for the maintenance of county roads within the city limits. All present voted aye.

Personnel Committee Report

Messina reported that the Committee held a brief meeting. Marilyn Paumen, AMS representative for Jim LaTour was present. The Committee recommended renewal of the contract with Health Partners. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Dircks, to renew the health insurance contract with Health Partners.

Airport – Fuel Facility and Relocation of Drainage Ditch

Messina reported that the Airport Commission decided to move forward with the fuel tank. John Meyer received a quote of \$70,000-\$80,000 for a fuel facility. The City Council received a memo from John Meyer requesting authorization for the city engineer to provide services for the new fuel facility and relocation of the drainage ditch. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Kelly, authorizing the city engineer to prepare mapping for the new fuel site, end of the existing runway area, and the existing wetland and ditch areas and prepare a site plan for the new fuel facility at a approximate cost of \$2,000.

Old Business/Directive

Franchises

Nothing new to report.

Trains – Quiet Zone

A discussion was held regarding establishing a train quiet zone. Messina reported that he had talked to the Mayor of Little Falls. A study is required to establish this quiet zone at an approximate cost of \$10,000. The railroad, MnDOT, and the National Transportation Safety Board would all need to be involved with this plan. The following concerns were expressed: who would be affected by the quiet zone, how long would the study take, the quiet zone would be 24 hours a day, the study would involve looking at the safety impact, the crossings and what type of safety measures are in place now, getting an estimate from our engineering firm, people buying a home know there is a railroad track there and should expect train whistles, and liability issues if a quiet zone was established and the crossing arms failed to work. Additional information will be obtained and this issue will be brought up at a future meeting.

Administrative Issues

A Park Board Meeting will be scheduled for either January 23 or 25th, at 3 or 6 p.m.

Pagel reported that the Council received a memo from the Wright County attorney regarding a public hearing for an official map ordinance for the Highway 55 Corridor. The first step involved is to have an ordinance in place before adopting an official map. The City will also receive a notice of a public hearing for the map. The public hearing is January 23. Northenscold expressed concern about Section 8 – the County could acquire property without having to pay for buildings and structures. Pagel stated that it was her understanding that after the map is adopted, people will be on notice and that if someone puts up a building regardless of the ordinance and map, the property owner is on notice that the map is there and that the property could be acquired without paying for the new building. The Ordinance is not overly clear on that point, but existing buildings are grandfathered in.

Pagel reported that a public hearing will be held on February 8, 2007 for the County to amend the Ag and A/R Zoning Districts to include Environmental Education Resource Center as a Conditional Use Permit in those zoning districts. Messina will contact Tom Salkowski, Wright County Planning Administrator, for additional information.

Adjournment

A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Attest,

City Clerk/Treasurer