

MAPLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

January 22 2008 – Minutes

The Maple Lake City Council was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Michael Messina.

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

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney Rhonda Pagel, Economic Developer John Meyer, and City Clerk/Treasurer Linda Hruby.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made/seconded/passed, (m/s/p), Kelly/Dircks, to approve the agenda with the following additions under New Business: f. Broom for the Bobcat, g. Donald Jude Claim, and h. Sewer Roder Equipment (removed from the Consent Agenda).

Consent Agenda

A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Northenscold, to approve the Consent Agenda including Approval of the January 8, 2008 Minutes; Approval of Disbursement List #08-02 and #LS01-22-08; and Approval for City Clerk/Treasurer to Attend the MCFOA Conference in March.

New Business

Cathy Elfstrand – Maple Manor Grant Concerns

Cathy Elfstrand, Manager of Maple Manor, was present requesting information regarding the Small Cities Development Grant application, which included the rehabilitation of Maple Manor East and West. John Meyer stated that the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) has created a new program called Strategic Entrepreneurial Economic Development (SEED). The grant the City applied for included infrastructure improvements on Birch Avenue. All grants including infrastructure improvements were rejected and are required to be submitted under the SEED program. The elevator grant, which expires on July 1, was also discussed. It was the consensus of the Council for Meyer to continue to look for grants which would benefit both the City and Maple Manor and to assist Elfstrand with obtaining grants.

Planning Commission Report

Northenscold reported that the Planning Commission interviewed applicants for the position being vacated by Charlene Ribaud. The Planning Commission recommends the appointment of Todd Borell. A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Dircks, to appoint Todd Borell as a member of the Planning Commission, effective immediately, per Planning Commission recommendation.

The Planning Commission is continuing work on revisions with the Sign Ordinance.

Annandale Community Food Shelf – Donation

The Council received a request for a donation from the Annandale Community Food Shelf. Geyen asked if the Food Shelf received financial assistance from Wright County or the state. This item was tabled until the next meeting and Ed Skomoroh will be invited to attend the meeting.

Resolution – Close Out Balances from Fund 307 to Fund 308

Hruby stated that the last payment was in December, 2007 for Fund 307, Moland Avenue Project and that the remaining balance in that Fund should be transferred to Fund 308, 1997 8th Street and Congress Project. A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Messina, to adopt Resolution #R2008-07, approving the transfer of the remaining balance of Fund 307, 1996 Moland Avenue Improvement Project to Fund 308, 1997 8th Street/Congress Improvement Project, effective December 31, 2007. All present voted aye.

Resolution – Close Out Balances from Fund 413 to Fund 313

Hruby stated that the Geneva Road Improvement Project was accepted in 2007 and that the remaining balance in Fund 413, Capital Improvement, should be transferred to Fund 313, Debt Service. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Kelly, to adopt Resolution #R2008-08, approving the transfer of the remaining balance of Fund 413, Geneva Road Capital Improvements, to Fund 313, Geneva Road Debt Service, effective December 31, 2007. All present voted aye.

Broom for the Bobcat

Messina stated that Sawatzke obtained two quotes for a broom for the bobcat to be used for cleaning off sidewalks, ice skating rinks, and park trails. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Kelly, to purchase a 84” broom for the bobcat from Farm-Rite Equipment, Inc. at a cost of \$4,071, plus tax.

Donald Jude Claim

Pagel stated that Donald Jude was present many months ago requesting payment for a storm water project undertaken by the Paumen Brothers, City of Maple Lake and Donald Jude in November, 1999. The total project cost was \$97,686.00. Each party contributed 1/3 of the cost for the project. There is a disagreement as to whether Paumen and Jude would be reimbursed (from excess TIF money or otherwise). There was no excess TIF money in this development. Jude has agreed to settle this claim for \$25,000.00 and has threatened to sue the City if this claim is not paid. The meeting was closed at 7:48 p.m. under the attorney client privilege exception to the open meeting rule to discuss the threatened litigation. The meeting reconvened at 8:09 p.m.

Sewer Roder Equipment

This item was tabled to the next meeting to receive additional information from Sawatzke.

Old Business/Directive

Paumen 3rd – Authorize Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick Law Firm to Assist

Pagel stated that Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick are the City’s bond council and requested the City authorize this firm to assist in the subdivision bond claim against Heritage Development. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Dircks, authorizing Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith and Frederick to assist in the sub-division bond claim against Heritage Development.

Administrative Issues

The Board of Review is scheduled for April 15, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, with the Council meeting to follow.

The Council was reminded to turn in the Bonestroo evaluations.

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A Council Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, January 30, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. The consultants will attend this meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Open Forum

None

Adjournment

A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Attest,

City Clerk/Treasurer