

## MAPLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

February 19, 2008 – Minutes

The Maple Lake City Council was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Michael Messina.

**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, with the following addition under the Consent Agenda, c. Approval for Public Works Director to Attend the MRWA Water and Wastewater Conference in March and under Administrative Issues, RevTrak System.

### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Dircks, to approve the Consent Agenda including Approval of the February 5 2008 Minutes; Approval of Disbursement List #08-04 and #LS02-19-08; and Approval for Public Works Director to Attend the MRWA Water and Wastewater Conference in March.

### **New Business**

#### **Angelus Village Denial Recommendation**

Pagel reviewed the Angelus Village development issues including the following: Preliminary Plat was approved in 2005; final plat and re-zoning has been extended; portion of land in Preliminary Plat was purchased with a contract for deed and the contract has been cancelled; Rick Heid has been contacted by letter and telephone and indicated he would not be moving forward with project any time in the near future; and Marick Development owes the city over \$6,600 for development costs. Pagel recommends the Council deny the final plat and re-zoning of Angelus Village and proceed with a claim against Marick Development for the development costs owed the City. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Northenscold, to adopt **Resolution #R2008-10**, to deny the final plat and re-zoning of Angelus Village. All present voted aye. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Dircks, to authorize the city attorney to proceed with a conciliation court claim against Marick Development for the development costs owed the City for Angelus Village.

#### **Birch Avenue/Promotion Committee Report**

Messina stated that there was a nice turnout for the Promotion Committee meeting for information regarding Birch Avenue. City Engineer Mathiasen proposed three different street scapes, with varying costs. Birch Avenue is still in the investigating stage of the project. The Promotion Committee will appoint a spokes person to represent them. Geyen proposed having people donate money in memory of someone as a means to pay for benches, lights, whatever. Messina stated that was a good idea, but someone from the Promotion Committee would need to coordinate this project. It was the consensus of the Council that this was a good meeting, generating good ideas and questions.

#### **Planning Commission Report**

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Northenscold reported that the Planning Commission continues to work on the district regulations for the sign ordinance.

### **Valenta v. Simmon et al Quiet Title Action**

Pagel reported that the City was named as a defendant in a quiet title action brought by Mr. & Mrs. Valenta regarding their property that sits just west of the City's Beach. In reviewing this claim, Tim Young contacted Lee Brown, Bogart, Pederson, to review the two legal descriptions. Young recommends that the City allow this matter to go by default. A motion was m/s/p, Northenscold/Kelly, authorizing the city to allow the matter to proceed by default as outlined in the city attorney's letter dated February 14, 2008.

### **Beach Issues**

Hruby stated that the Lion's Club has suggested that the following work is needed at the beach: 1) Weed control - Professional Lake Management can complete the work at a cost of \$835.00; and 2) Additional sand should be placed at the beach on the ice, covering an area of 100 feet long x 24 feet wide x 6 inches thick. Work can be done by the Maintenance Department at an approximate cost of \$600.00. Hruby reported that the City has charitable donations available to cover these costs. A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, to hire Profession Lake Management for weed control at the Maple Lake Beach at a cost of \$835.00 and to direct the Maintenance Department to proceed with the Beach Sand Blanket at an approximate cost of \$600.00, contingent upon approval from the appropriate agencies.

### **Old Business/Directive**

None

### **Administrative Issues**

#### **RevTrak**

The Council received a memo from Deputy Clerk Yager regarding the RevTrak eCommerce system for online payments. Staff feels this is an effective tool for customer service and would be a time-saving tool as well. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Dircks, to purchase the RevTrak eCommerce System for online payments, including the additional software modules to allow emailing bills and tying into the City's web store.

### **Council Meetings**

Hruby stated the City Council is attending a Consultant's meeting this week and also attended a Chamber of Commerce Promotion's meeting last week. The City has set fee rates for attendance at council meetings and committee meetings. There is no fee structure for consultant meetings and other meetings. Hruby requested Council direction for payment for these types of meetings.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the benefits and drawbacks of having council paid for miscellaneous meetings regarding city issues. A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Geyen, directing staff not to pay for council member's attendance at meetings other than council or committee meetings unless otherwise directed by the council for a particular meeting.

### **Juvenile Apology**

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Hruby reported that the City has received a letter of apology from one of the individuals involved in the property damage incident last fall for which the City has requested restitution.

**Agenda Additions**

**Elevator Site**

Geyen reported that she has received a complaint regarding the elevator site stating that the door is wide open on the north side of the building, windows are broken, etc. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Northenscold, directing staff to contact the building inspector and send a letter to the owner of the elevator regarding violations to the Nuisance Ordinance.

**Open Forum**

Wright County Deputy Rob Gongoll was present and introduced himself to the Council.

**Adjournment**

A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Attest,

City Clerk/Treasurer