

MAPLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

February 21, 2006 - Minutes

The Maple Lake City Council was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Mayor Messina in the Council Chambers of the City of Maple Lake.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Messina, Mooney, and Northenscold.

ABSENT: Dircks and Kelly.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney Rhonda Pagel and City Clerk/Treasurer Linda Hruby.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made/seconded/passed, (m/s/p), Northenscold/Mooney, to approve the agenda with the following addition to the Consent Agenda: d. Approval for Staff and Planning Commission Members to Attend 2006 Land Use Planning Workshops.

Consent Agenda

A motion was m/s/p, Mooney/Northenscold, to approve the Consent Agenda including Approval of the February 7, 2006 Minutes; Approval of Disbursement List #06-04 and #LS02-21-06; Approval for Messina to Attend the Lake Pepin TMDL Conference on March 14; and Approval for Staff and Planning Commission Members to Attend 2006 Land Use Planning Workshops.

New Business

Planning Commission – Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Frost Footings

Northenscold reported that the Planning Commission recommended amending the Zoning Ordinance in regards to frost footings. When the new Zoning Ordinance was adopted, the word continuous was inadvertently left out. A motion was m/s/p, Northenscold/Mooney, to adopt **Resolution #R2006-06**, to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendment to amend Section 29.07, Subd. 11 (Highway Business District (B-2); Performance Standards; Frost Footings) and Section 30.07, Subd. 11 (Light Industry (I-1); Performance Standards; Frost Footing) to read: All structures shall have continuous frost footings and a continuous permanent foundation consisting of concrete block, concrete, or an approved equivalent. For the purpose of this Section, a frost footing shall be any footing placed at the required depth to avoid the accepted frost line as determined by an engineer of soil mechanics, and absent and engineers report, placed at a depth of at least 3 ½ feet, as recommended by the Planning Commission. All present voted aye.

Development Policy

Pagel reported that this issue was discussed at great length at the consultant's meetings and that the consultants have agreed upon the language for the Resolution. This Resolution is to be used for guidance for the consultants, given the City's sewer capacity, as to how to respond when developers call. A motion was m/s/p, Mooney/Northenscold, to adopt **Resolution #2006-07**, adoption of the Development Policy. All present voted aye.

Orderly Annexation Agreement – Maple Lake Township

Messina reported this issue was tabled at the last meeting. Maple Lake Township has already adopted this agreement. Northenscold expressed concern regarding the appointment of the 5th member of the joint board. Messina stated that the City has a good working relationship with the Township and that this issue could be re-visited if needed. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Mooney, to adopt **Resolution #R2006-08**, approving the Orderly Annexation between the City of Maple Lake and Maple Lake

Township. All present voted aye.

Appoint Legal Counsel

Hruby reported that the City was served with a Summons and Complaint in a quiet title action in which the City is named as a Defendant. The property abuts Birch Avenue so the exact placement of Birch Avenue needs to be properly described. Young, Brown and Pagel has a conflict and cannot represent the city. Greg Smith in Monticello has agreed to represent the City in this action. He is a real property specialist and is very qualified to handle this matter. We have received a 30 day extension to allow Smith to review the Complaint and determine whether an answer is needed. A motion was m/s/p, Northenscold/Mooney, to appoint Greg Smith as legal counsel in the matter of the quiet title action between DKH Properties, LLP and the City of Maple Lake, et al.

Fire Department 2007 Budget

Tom Neu was present and reviewed the 2005 Budget and the 2007 Budget. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Mooney, to adopt Resolution #R2008-09, approving the 2007 Maple Lake Fire Department Budget of \$38,000 (city portion). The total budget was \$154,000.

Personnel Committee Report

Messina reported that the Personnel Committee interviewed 9 candidates for the maintenance position and recommended Kenneth Elsenpeter for the position. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Northenscold, to hire Kenneth Elsenpeter as a maintenance worker at \$15.10 per hour, beginning March 1, 2006, contingent upon Elsenpeter passing a physical examination and drug and alcohol test.

2006 Maintenance Agreement with Wright County Highway Department

A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Mooney, to adopt Resolution #R2006-10, approving the 2006 Maintenance Agreement with Wright County Department of Highways for the maintenance of county roads within the city limits. All present voted aye.

Old Business/Directive

Franchises

Nothing new to report.

City Hall

Northenscold reported the Building Committee met with the civil and mechanical engineer and the following items were discussed: types of heating and estimated costs, parking lot area, storm sewer issues, water and sewer hook-up, with the water main coming from the east side of the creamery building. Bonestroo will be contacted for additional information regarding the water main.

Meeting for Beach

Hruby reported that we could have a meeting on March 22 with Martha Reger to discuss beach issues. The Committee will be contacted to approve this date.

Administrative Issues

Hruby reminded the Council that the next Council meeting is on Thursday March 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Open Forum

April Jones was present inquiring if the City would be holding another town meeting in regards to the city hall. Messina replied yes, time and date to be determined.

John Rivers expressed concern regarding the image of Maple Lake stating that the downtown area looked very messy with garbage between buildings, old cars, weeds, etc. This issue will be discussed at the next Chamber meeting. Rivers stated that he hoped the City would support the Chamber. Messina thanked him for his concern, noting that this is a very delicate situation and stating that the City could not ignore the situation any longer.

Adjournment

A motion was m/s/p, Mooney/Northenscold, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Attest,

City Clerk/Treasurer