

MAPLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

March 18, 2008 – Minutes

The Maple Lake City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Northenscold.

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

ABSENT: Messina.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk/Treasurer Linda Hruby.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made/seconded/passed, (m/s/p), Dircks/Kelly, to approve the agenda, with the following amendment to the Consent Agenda, C as listed under Consent Agenda Amendment.

Consent Agenda

A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Dircks, to approve the amended Consent Agenda including Approval of the March 4, 2008 Minutes; Approval of Disbursement List #08-06 and #LS03-18-08; Approval of the following transfers, retroactive to December 31, 2007: \$18,623.17 from the General Fund (100) to Municipal Improvement-Bolduan Park (414) and \$129,738.80 from the Municipal Improvement-Ney Park Expense (414) to Park Dedication Fund (207).

New Business

Strata Corporation Meeting Report

Northenscold stated that the City Council held a volunteer meeting with Strata Corporation. This was an informational meeting and Strata Corporation answered a lot of questions regarding their operation, which includes an aggregate crushed rock yard and a cement yard in the future.

Wright County Amateur Radio Society

Robert Jensen was present requesting use of the Community Park overnight from June 28, 2008, 8:00 a.m. to June 29, 2008, 3:00 p.m. for an amateur radio contest. Jensen stated that Brian Wall filled out the application. Northenscold stated the group would use the picnic shelter and possibly ball field for antennas, will bring their own power, equipment, etc. There could be some occasional generator noise overnight and camping for those members that prefer to stay on site. No alcohol will be served and food would be prepared onsite or purchased locally. A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Dircks, to grant approval for Wright County Amateur Radio Society to use the Community Park overnight from June 28, 2008, 8:00 a.m. to June 29, 2008, 3:00 p.m. for an amateur radio contest, per the terms specified in the application.

Planning Commission Report

Northenscold stated that Commission finished the sign definitions. Other items discussed included: open meeting law, role of the Planning Commission, and a request to receive consultant meeting agenda and notes.

Tom Neu – Fire Department Budget

Tom Neu was present and reviewed the 2007 Budget and the proposed 2009 Budget. A motion was

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m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, to adopt **Resolution #R2008-11**, approving the 2009 Maple Lake Fire Department Budget of \$42,000 (city portion). The total budget was \$170,000. All present voted aye.

Deb Geyen-Trailer Park Issues

Geyen expressed concerns regarding the lack of shelter protection at the trailer park during a storm. She also expressed concerns regarding the upkeep and cleaning up of that area. A motion was m/s/p, Geyen/Northenscald, directing the city attorney to research the issues regarding a shelter and clean up of trailer park area and report back at the next meeting.

Transfer funds from Fund 237 to Fund 100, Fund 231 to Fund 205, Fund 234 to Fund 205

Hruby stated that the 3 transfers are items which are required from the audit for 2007.

A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, to adopt **Resolution #R2008-12**, to approve the transfer of \$6,239.00 from Fund 237, Heritage Development (TIF 3-1), to Fund 100, General Fund, retroactive to December 31, 2007. All present voted aye.

A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, to adopt **Resolution #R2008-13**, to approve the transfer of \$483.13 from Fund 231, 1995 G.O. Bond (TIF 1-11), to Fund 205, Community Development Fund, retroactive to December 31, 2007. All present voted aye.

A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Geyen, to adopt **Resolution #R2008-14**, to approve the transfer of \$285.07 from Fund 234, Downtown Development (TIF 5-1), to Fund 205, Community Development Fund, retroactive to December 31, 2007. All present voted aye.

Old Business/Directive

None

Administrative Issues

Garbage Contract

Hruby reported that the City currently has 673 residential garbage pick-ups and 644 recycling pick-ups. Veolia currently charges the City \$7.70 per pickup for garbage and \$1.25 per pickup for recycling (contract began in 2005). Veolia is proposing a rate increase of \$8.60 per pickup for garbage and \$1.50 for recycling. A comparison of neighboring towns for a 60/65 gallon garbage container is as follows: Annandale - \$9.85, Howard Lake - \$14.40, Waverly - \$12.35, Montrose - \$14.40; and for recycling: Annandale - \$2.70, Howard Lake - \$1.25, Waverly - .95, Montrose - \$1.97. Veolia has requested that they be allowed to review costs during the contract, proposing to review costs effective January 1, 2010. Staff is very pleased with their service and feels that the City received a very good price for renewal.

The City currently charges residents \$9.50 for garbage and \$1.50 for recycling. This is \$1.80 over the price for garbage and .25 cents over for recycling. Hruby recommended keeping this price spread and amending the monthly garbage fee to \$10.40 and recycling fee to \$1.75, effective May 1. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on April 9 to amend the Fee Schedule, with the Council taking action on April 15. The contract with Veolia will come to the Council for approval on April 15. A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Dircks, directing the city attorney to revise the existing contracts for both garbage and recycling to reflect a 3-year term, with the price to be reviewed effective January 1, 2010.

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Joint Consultant and City Council Meeting

Hruby stated a joint consultant and city council meeting will be held on Friday, March 28, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at city hall.

IIMC Annual Conference

Hruby reported that she attended the MN. Clerks and Finance Officers Association conference last week. As part of the conference, a silent auction is held to raise money for 1 or 2 clerks to attend the IIMC (International) Annual Conference. A drawing is held at the end of the conference and Hruby's name was picked. The MCFOA pays for the registration costs, plane fare and hotel costs. The Conference is held in Atlanta this year on May 18 -22. A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, to approve the attendance of Clerk Hruby at the IIMC Conference to be held on May 18-22 in Atlanta.

Copier

Hruby stated that we are having issues with the copier and our maintenance contract. The contract expires April 27 and we are required to cancel 30 days prior to contract date. A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Dircks, to authorize staff to provide the required notice to cancel the contract with Toshiba Business Solutions, effective March 26, 2008.

Agenda Additions

Wright County Deputy Rob Gongoll was present. The Council stated that the St. Patrick's Day Parade was fantastic, thanking everyone who was involved and commended the city maintenance staff for their hard work.

The Council also congratulated the boy's basketball team for being the 5A champions and wished them luck tonight.

Open Forum

Adjournment

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

Attest,

City Clerk/Treasurer