

MAPLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

March 21, 2006 - Minutes

The Maple Lake City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Messina in the Council Chambers of the City of Maple Lake.

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

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney Rhonda Pagel, City Engineer Jeremy Mathiasen, 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.

Consent Agenda

A motion was m/s/p, Northenscold/Kelly, to approve the Consent Agenda including Approval of the March 9, 2006 Minutes and Approval of Disbursement List #06-06 and #LS03-21-06.

New Business

Grants – John Meyer

Meyer reported that the City received a redevelopment grant for the downtown elevator site this year and will be re-applying for the other grant next year. Meyer also stated that he would be working with the State to determine the scope of the project and would have additional information at the next meeting. There were 24 applications for this type of grant, with 8 grants being awarded.

State Airports Fund

A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Kelly, authorizing the Mayor to send letters to our State Senator and Representative regarding the State Airports Fund.

Lift Station – Generator Hookups

Mathiasen reported that Sawatzke received a quote for electrical work to replace receptacles on lift stations from Electrical Installation & Maintenance at a total cost of \$6,000. A motion was m/s/p, Mooney/Dircks, to approve the quote of \$6,000 from Electrical Installation & Maintenance to replace receptacles on lift stations.

Resolution Revising Escrow Policy for Non-Residential Property

Pagel reported that the Council addressed the policy for the landscape and driveway deposit in January. However, it is the consensus of the consultants that non-residential property required clarification as to the amount of the deposit. The consultants recommend a minimum deposit of \$20,000, cash or letter of credit. Pagel stated because of the dollar amount, Council action is required. A motion was m/s/p, Northenscold/Dircks, to adopt **Resolution #R2006-12**, Revision of City of Maple Lake Policy Requiring Landscape and Driveway Deposit. All present voted aye.

Old Business/Directive Franchises

Nothing new to report.

City Hall

Meyer reported the City received a schedule for the referendum from bond counsel. Meyer also stated that he has discussed further reductions in the foot print with Lightowler, reducing the building by 1,000 square feet by eliminating the conference room.

The Council verified the petition for referendum concerning construction of the new city hall.

Northenscold inquired if the project should be bid before voting on the bond referendum. Meyer stated that typically you would use the architect estimate as the amount for the referendum.

Meeting for Beach

A meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall, with Martha Reger to discuss beach issues.

Administrative Issues

Nothing new to report.

Open Forum

Leona Johnson was present stating she is the Treasurer for Villas of Maple Lake and that Charter Communications have charged them an additional 85 cents on their bill. Messina stated that this is a fee for public education government (PEG) access and that Charter collects this fee as part of the franchise agreement they have with the 10 city members of the Cable Commission. Pagel stated that the fees are used to purchase equipment, etc. to broadcast Council meetings, community events, etc. on Channel 12, the government channel. Northenscold stated that in the past the city shared Channel 12 with other cities, but now Channel 12 is Maple Lake's channel. Johnson stated that this 85 cents is a tax. Johnson further expressed concern regarding her inquiries to Charter regarding this fee, stating that no one at Charter could explain the fee and that after numerous attempts to get information from Charter was told the case is closed and Charter hung up on her. Members of the Council explained that this is a user fee, not a tax and expressed concern regarding Charter's response to her calls.

A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Dircks, authorizing Kelly to attend the LMC Safety and Loss Control Workshop in St. Cloud.

Northenscold expressed thanks to everyone who worked on the St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

Adjournment

A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Attest,

City Clerk/Treasurer