

MAPLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

April 1, 2008 – Minutes

The Maple Lake City Council was called to order at 6:47 p.m. by Mayor Michael Messina.

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

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney Rhonda Pagel, City Engineer Jeremy Mathiasen, City Engineer Phil Gravel, Public Works Director Jerry Sawatzke, 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 New Business f. Xcel Franchise.

Consent Agenda

A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Dircks, to approve the Consent Agenda including Approval of the March 18, 2008 Minutes; Approval of Disbursement List #08-07 and #LS04-01-08; Approval for Council Members and Staff to Attend the League of Minnesota Cities Safety and Loss Control Workshop in St. Cloud on April 22, 2008; and Approval for Council Members and Staff to Attend the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference in Rochester on June 11-13, 2008.

New Business

Park Board Report

Northenscold reported that the Park Board/City Council had an extensive discussion of the city's park system prior to this meeting. The Park Board recommended the City Council approve the wetland as proposed on the drawing that Bonestroo had prepared. A motion was m/s/p, Northenscold/Dircks, to approve in concept the restoration of wetland of approximately 24 acres on the Brad and Brian Paumen land located east of County Road 7 and west of Cedar Avenue North as proposed on the map prepared by Bonestroo, attached as Exhibit A, with the understanding that the joint park area proposed a few years ago would no longer be an option, per Park Board recommendation.

Annandale-Maple Lake Wastewater Commission Report

Kelly reported the Commission met on March 20 and discussed the following: an engineer update, including the possibility of the City of Howard Lake being a third partner, snow removal/mowing, and secretary pay. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the possibility of the City of Howard Lake becoming a third partner in the Commission. Northenscold reported that Roger Millner stated that M & M have all kinds of trailers and the City could borrow trailers as needed. Pagel recommended that the minutes should reflect the details worked out by the two public works directors for snow removal/mowing.

Irish Stadium Grandstand Roof

Public Works Director submitted a cost estimate of \$5,734.51 for repairing the Irish Stadium Grandstand Roof from Maple Lake Lumber. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Dircks, to approve the

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cost estimate of \$5,734.51 from Maple Lake Lumber for the repair of the Irish Stadium Grandstand Roof.

Alliance Benefit Group – Resolution for Health Reimbursement Arrangement and Approval of Plan Sponsor Certification

A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Geyen, to adopt Resolution #R2008-15, to adopt the Certificate of Adopting Resolution for the Health Reimbursement Arrangement with Alliance Benefit Group. All present voted aye.

A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, to approve the Plan Sponsor Certification for the Health Reimbursement Arrangement with Alliance Benefit Group.

Strata Corporation

Messina stated that after meeting with Strata and the consultants that it is the consensus of the Council that Strata Corporation is not a good fit for the McAlpine land. Northenscold also stated that after researching a couple of towns with similar plants, his opinion that Strata is not a good fit was confirmed.

Xcel Franchise

Pagel reported that work has been on-going to complete franchises with Xcel Energy and Wright Hennepin Electric. Her firm is working with Xcel and Jim Strommen is working with Wright Hennepin. Pagel stated that there is an issue with language in the Xcel franchise regarding the City's ability to impose a franchise fee in the future. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the need for a franchise agreement, language issues, charging a franchise fee, and if other cities have franchise agreements and a franchise fee. A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Dircks, directing staff to contact neighboring cities to find out if they charge a franchise fee and amount of said fee and the type of language they have in their franchise agreement. Messina voted nay.

Old Business/Directive

Trailer Park Issues

Geyen stated that she has concerns regarding the storm shelter and condition of the trailer park property. Pagel stated that the owner is required to have a storm shelter or evacuation plan, approved by the City. Pagel contacted the Department of Health. They indicated that their records show that the park has a shelter but that the shelter/evacuation plan was never approved by the City. It is unclear if the shelter satisfies requirements.

The trailer park is subject to violations of the Nuisance Ordinance like any other property. In some instances the owner of the trailer park would need to be notified and in other instances the park resident would need to be notified. A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, directing staff to contact the owner of the trailer park and request he attend a Council meeting to discuss these issues.

Administrative Issues

Copier

Hruby stated that the Council received a memo in their packet regarding the copier. Staff has tried to resolve the issues with Stringer Business Systems. MN Copy Systems sent out a technician to look at the copier and stated that the copier would require approximately \$2,100 in parts and labor before they can give us a maintenance contract on our present copier. They will

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allow us \$9,455.00 for a trade in and a new copier will cost \$7,820.71, after trade in, including tax. Clerk Hruby recommended the purchase of a new copier with MN Copy Systems. A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Dircks, to approve the purchase of Toshiba e-studio 2500C from MN Copy Systems at a cost of \$7,820.71, including maintenance of the copier.

Agenda Additions

Northenscold noted that the agenda did not include approval of the March 28, 2008 minutes. A motion was m/s/p, Northenscold/Kelly, to approve the March 28, 2008 minutes.

Messina stated the Council had a special meeting with the consultants on March 28, 2008 and the following was discussed: contract requirements, Strata Corporation, Sullivan/Hoglund property, park land, and updating the Comprehensive Plan.

Open Forum

Frank Sullivan/Dean Hoglund Property

Frank Sullivan and Dean Hoglund were present. Messina stated that Sullivan and Hoglund are looking for directions on how to proceed with the development of their property located east of County Road 8 and south of 63rd Street. Sullivan/Hoglund had approached the City requesting 6 lots on that parcel and were told that they were entitled to one lot for that parcel. Due to the unique circumstances with this property and the airport clear zone, it was the consensus of the Council and consultants at their meeting on March 28, 2008 to allow 2 building entitlements. Sullivan and Hoglund were instructed to contact City Attorney Pagel to begin the process of development of these 2 lots.

Sewer Roder Equipment

A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Kelly, to accept the offer to \$100.00 for the sewer roder equipment.

Adjournment

A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Attest,

City Clerk/Treasurer