

MAPLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

May 1, 2007 – Minutes

The Maple Lake City Council was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Messina in the Council Chambers of the City of Maple Lake.

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

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney Tim Young, City Engineer Jeremy Mathiasen, and City Clerk/Treasurer Linda Hruby.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made/seconded/passed, (m/s/p), Kelly/Messina, to approve the agenda with the following deletion: Under New Business – C. Residential Zoning Issue.

Consent Agenda

A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Dircks, to approve the Consent Agenda including Approval of the April 17, 2007 Minutes; Approval of Disbursement List #07-09 and #LS05-01-07; Approval of January/February Financial Reports; Approval for Liquor Staff to Attend Alcohol Sales Training on May 16, 2007, and Approval for City Clerk/Treasurer to Attend TIF Workshop in June.

New Business

2007 Maple Lake Trail Improvement Project – Alternate Bid Comparisons

Mathiasen reported that the City received estimates from Mid Minnesota Hot Mix, the low bidder for the 2007 Maple Lake Trail Improvement Project, as follows: Option A – Remove and Replace with new Bituminous - \$10,200 and Option B – Remove and Replace with new 8' Concrete Walk - \$21,720. A discussion was held regarding the merits of both options. It was the consensus of the Council that the concrete would last longer and have less maintenance issues than the bituminous. A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Dircks, to approve Change Order #1 using Option B, Remove and Replace Bituminous Pavement with New 8' Concrete Walk at a cost of \$21,720.

Mathiasen will notify residents in Danielson Court when this project will be scheduled as residents won't be able to drive on the concrete for 4 – 5 days.

Budget Committee Report

Hruby reported that the Budget Committee met to consider conversion of the water/sewer meter system to a handheld data collector reading system. This would eliminate meter users from calling in a meter reading. The cost to convert to this system would be approximately \$214,000 and would include purchasing new meters for the entire city, a starter kit, handheld data collector, charger, cables, receiver and antenna, software package, and training. The meters will also have the capability of 24 hour, detailed history usage. The batteries in the meters are under a pro-rated warranty for 20 years. Staff has contacted surrounding cities and of the 5 cities that responded, they all have begun or completed conversion to these types of meters. It takes 2-3 hours to read all the meters and the download to the computer only takes minutes. Staff estimates that the city would save \$9,000 to \$10,000 a year by using this system. When the meters are all installed, the city will convert to a monthly billing system, which could possibly eliminate some of the late payments, shut off, etc.

Financing for this project would be as follows: A portion of the cost (\$100,000 - \$131,000) would

come from the 2007 Water Utility Revenue Bond and the remaining costs from the Water and Sewer Funds. Messina stated that it has been increasingly difficult for staff to get into homes to obtain meter readings.

A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Dircks, to convert the water/sewer meter system to a handheld data collector reading system at an estimated cost of \$214,000 to be completed over a two to three year period, with a portion of the cost (\$100,000 - \$131,000) coming from the 2007 Water Utility Revenue Bond and the remaining costs from the Water and Sewer Funds.

The Budget Committee also recommends that the 2007 Fee Schedule be adjusted to increase the Water Meter – New Construction and the Second Water Meter to \$250.00. This issue will be addressed at the Planning Commission meeting on May 9, 2007.

The Budget Committee reviewed the tentative 2006 Audit Report. A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Northenscald, to make the following transfers, retroactive to December 31, 2006, per Budget Committee recommendation: \$12,639.77 from the General Fund to the Elevator Fund, \$42,912.15 from the General Fund to the Municipal Improvement Fund, \$77,240.85 from the General Fund to the City Hall/Library Fund, \$50,000.00 from the General Fund to the Park Fund, \$20,000.00 from the General Fund to the City Hall/Library Fund, \$43,231.23 from the General Fund to TIF 3-1 Heritage Development, \$1,948.35 from the General Fund to TIF 1-14 Jude's 6th Addition, \$2,831.00 from TIF 1-14 Jude's 6th Addition to TIF 3-1 Heritage Development, \$10,043.27 from Jude's 6th Addition to TIF 1-14 Jude's 6th Addition, \$13,965.65 from Jude's 6th Addition to TIF 1-14 Jude's 6th Addition, \$3,080 from TIF 1-14 Jude's 6th Addition to TIF 1-16 Rhino Rotomolding, \$229.86 from TIF 1-12 Cedar Lake to TIF 1-16 Rhino Rotomolding.

Old Business/Directive

None.

Administrative Issues

Hruby reminded the Council that the City Tour is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15 at 5:00 p.m., with the Council meeting to follow the Tour. Dircks reminded the Council that Chamber of Commerce meets tomorrow at noon.

Open Forum

Kelly reported that an article, written by Tim Spielman, about the Maple Lake area was in the Outdoor News, a sportsman's weekly magazine.

A discussion was held regarding the speed detector trailer. It has been placed at various locations in the City. Geyen requested that the trailer be put out earlier and later, catching the morning and evening traffic. This issue was discussed, but it was felt that the trailer would be vandalized. Messina stated the speed trailer will not stop speeders, but will make people aware of their speed.

Adjournment

A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Dircks, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Attest,

City Clerk/Treasurer