

## MAPLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

August 1, 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:** Dircks, Kelly, Messina, Mooney, and Northenscold.

**ABSENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Attorney Rhonda Pagel, Public Works Director Jerry Sawatzke, and City Clerk/Treasurer Linda Hruby.

### Approval of Agenda

A motion was made/seconded/passed, (m/s/p), Kelly/Mooney, to approve the agenda.

### Consent Agenda

A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, to approve the Consent Agenda including Approval of the July 18 and 25, 2006 Minutes, Approval of Disbursement List #06-15 and #LS08/01/06, Approval to grant a Temporary On-Sale Non-intoxicating Beer License for St. Timothy's Fall Festival on September 24, 2006; Approval of American Legion and VFW – Club and Sunday Liquor Licenses; and Approval of Election Judges.

### New Business

#### Lakedale Telephone Company - Open Video Services (OVS) Franchise

Gene South and Jefferson Bishop from Lakedale Telephone Company were present. Pagel stated that the public hearing was held at the last meeting and that the franchise agreement is prepared. It is consistent with the existing Franchise with Charter Communications. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Kelly, to adopt Resolution #R2006-32, adopting the City of Maple Lake Open Video System Franchise – Lakedale Telephone Company Ordinance. All present voted aye. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Dircks, to adopt Resolution #R2006-33, approving the Open Video System Franchise with Lakedale Telephone Company Ordinance Summary. All present voted aye.

### Days of Old

#### Chamber of Commerce

Gary Swearingen was present representing the Chamber of Commerce regarding the Days of Old on August 19, 2006. The Chamber of Commerce requested the following: block Birch Avenue from 1<sup>st</sup> Street West to Star Street West, use of the vacant lot on Division and Birch, use of the city park, Fire Department water games, use of Irish Stadium for fireworks display, donation from the city for fireworks; antique car show in VFW – block street from VFW to city park for car parade; and maintenance department assistance. A motion was m/s/p, Northenscold/Messina, approving the following requests for the Days of Old celebration: to block Birch Avenue from 1<sup>st</sup> Street East to Star Street West; use of the vacant lot on the corner of Birch and Division; use of the city community park; approval for Fire Department water games, granting approval for a fireworks display at Irish Stadium, contingent upon receipt of a Certificate of Insurance, naming the City of Maple Lake as an additional named insured; authorizing the donation of \$1,000 for the purchase of fireworks; approving assistance from the Maintenance Department as follows: moving bleachers, blocking intersections, cleaning up, garbage cans, etc.; and to block Maple Avenue North to Division Street

and Division Street to the community park for an antique car parade.

Hruby reported that Ben Youngs wanted to notify the City that there will be a 10K Race starting at the school and going to Ney Park.

### **VFW – Beer Garden**

A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Kelly, granting a permit to have a beer garden in conjunction with the Days of Old on August 19, 2006 on Division Street next to the Maple Lake Messenger and at the city community park, contingent upon receiving a Certificate of Insurance, naming the City of Maple Lake as an additional named insured.

### **Madigan's Bar and Grill**

A motion was m/s/p, Mooney/Dircks, granting a permit to hold a street dance from 8:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. for the Days of Old on Friday, August 18, 2006 to be held in the parking lot at Madigan's Bar and Grill.

### **Meyer – Grain Elevator**

Meyer was not present and this issue was tabled to the next meeting. Northenscald stated that people were present who wished to discuss the grain elevator. Tricia Manuel stated the following concerns: increased train traffic and noise; liability of someone getting hurt on tracks if housing is that close to the tracks; low-income housing is not a good investment – revolving door type – not good for the neighborhood or the city; higher crime rate in the area resulting in higher law enforcement costs and increased insurance costs to deal with vandalism; will costs outweigh the benefits for Birch Avenue; most undesirable property for low income – shameful and bad idea. Messina stated that Manuel had valid concerns and Meyer should address these issues. Manuel questioned how Meyer was paid for projects such as these and wondered if the City should save their money when something might not be feasible.

Cathy Elfstrand was also present regarding the elevator site, stating she has dealt with subsidized housing for 25 years.

### **Meyer – TIF Districts**

A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Northenscald, to adopt **Resolution #R2006- 34**, calling for a Public Hearing on the Adoption of a Modified Tax Increment Financing Plan for Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-12. All present voted aye.

A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Kelly, to adopt **Resolution #R2006-35**, calling for a Public Hearing on the Adoption of a Modified Tax Increment Financing Plan for Tax Increment Financing District No. 4-1. All present voted aye.

### **Personnel Committee Report**

Messina reported that the Council received information in their packet regarding increases in wages and an additional part-time office worker.

A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Kelly, to adopt the wage increase per the Personnel Committee Recommendation Report dated July 31, 2006, effective with the first payroll in 2007, and to approve hiring an additional part-time officer worker.

## **Park Board Report**

Northenscold reported the Park Board recommended approval of the skating rink on a trial basis with conditions. A motion was m/s/p, Northenscold/Dircks, to approve the skating rink on a trial basis at Jude Hall with the following conditions: no skating on Cub Scout/Boy Scout meeting nights, floors covered with protective flooring, furnace and kitchen area secured and off limits, a rule board and hours be posted, as per Park Board recommendation.

Northenscold reported that a discussion was held regarding the Park Dedication Fees for Angelus Village. The developer has asked for a reduction in the fees for his development based on his conveying of easements for the Ney Park trail involving additional wetland credits. The Park Board recommends the City Council not give any reduction in fees because the developer knew the area where the trail would be going and did not raise this issue until a few weeks ago. Pagel stated that the Council does not need to take action now on this issue. This issue will be resolved in the Development Agreement.

Northenscold reported the Park Board reviewed and approved the preliminary budget of \$83,930.

Northenscold expressed concerns regarding dogs in the Lady Bug Park. A motion was m/s/p, Northenscold/Mooney, authorizing the Maintenance Department to purchase signs regarding dogs in Lady Bug Park.

## **Old Business/Directive Franchises**

Nothing new to report.

## **City Hall**

A Building Committee Meeting is scheduled on August 10, 4:15 p.m.

## **Watering Ban Issues**

Northenscold reported that the watering ban should be more specific regarding what is banned. Messina stated that the City should consider a year-round odd/even ban. A motion was m/s/p, Northenscold/Kelly, to adopt **Resolution #R2006-36**, approving the exception to the emergency watering ban policy as follows: hand watering of plants, flowers, garden areas, and trees is permitted daily using a hose or water can. All present voted aye.

## **Administrative Issues**

Pagel reminded the Council of the memo from Jeremy Mathiasen regarding Paumen 2<sup>nd</sup> project acceptance.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Attest,

City Clerk/Treasurer