

MAPLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

August 15, 2006 - Minutes

The Maple Lake City Council was called to order at 7:10 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, 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 changes Under New Business: Remove b. 2003 Street Improvement – Final Project Acceptance and Add i. Fire Department Storage Shed and Old Business: b. Speed Sign.

Consent Agenda

A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Mooney, to approve the Consent Agenda including Approval of the August 1, 2006 Minutes and Approval of Disbursement List #06-16 and #LS08/51/06.

New Business

Planning Commission Report

DeDe Kron of Surveying and Engineering Professionals was present. Pagel reported that the Planning Commission recommended the rezoning for Angelus Village. However, at the consultants meetings this week it was discovered that the land east of County Road 8 was not included in the final plat but was included in the rezoning. Therefore, the consultants recommended not approving the rezoning for the land east of County Road 8 Kron stated that they have concerns with the rezoning and wanted everything rezoned at the same time and requested this issue be tabled until the September 5, 2006 Council meeting. Pagel requested that Angelus Village submit new copies of the final plat to the city and consultants. A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, to table the rezoning of Angelus Village until September 5, 2006.

Paumen 2nd Addition – Final Project Acceptance

Mathiasen requested the formal acceptance of Paumen 2nd Addition as all work is completed. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Dircks, to accept the municipal improvements in Paumen's 2nd Addition for perpetual maintenance and release the letter of credit, per engineer's recommendation.

Conditions of City Trails

Mathiasen stated the Council authorized him to review the city trails. Mathiasen presented a series of pictures showing various trails. The trails in Danielson Overlook were damaged by construction and utility companies and will require milling and overlay. Mathiasen recommended immediate patching of some areas and to do the milling and overlay when another area of trail is installed. The trail north of Danielson Overlook was constructed on unstable soil and will need continued maintenance and might need to be redone when connected with other trails. The trail from Spruce to Cedar shows cracking and weeds. Mathiasen recommended the Maintenance Department spray the weeds and

maintain the trail. The newest trail in Happy Knoll has minor issues such as overhanging branches that need trimming. A lengthy discussion was held regarding who is responsible for the failing trails. Mathiasen stated the City would be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of all City trails. Mathiasen recommended the Maintenance Department continue mowing along the trails, spray weeds on the trails and possibly do some crack filling. It was recommended that the City not allow trails such as the ones in Danielson Overlook which are part of the sidewalk which roll over the curbing as residents end up parking on the trail and damaging it.

Airport Commission Report

Northenscold reported that the Airport Commission met on August 3, 2006 and discussed the following: Federal Designation, including a meeting on August 16 with Collin Peterson and Jim Oberstar; maintenance at the airport; and review of the 2007 budget, with a request for an annual transfer of \$10,000 to pay for capital improvements. The Annual Fly-in is on September 10, 2006.

Building Committee Report

Northenscold reported that the Building Committee met on August 20, 2006 and discussed the following: Possible library located in City Hall – Theresa Andrus was present stating she has received favorable responses from the Great River Regional Library and Wright County. Other items discussed were: possible post office in City Hall, jogs in present design of building, colored bricks versus EFIS material, financing options, and considered steel building construction.

Center Point Franchise Fee

Pagel stated the City received a letter from Center Point Energy inquiring if the City planned to implement a franchise fee between now and November 1, 2007. Center Point requires this decision now due to planning fees for budget bills for customers. A lengthy discussion was held as follows: franchise does allow the City to impose a fee; but the City presently does not; source of revenue; fee passed along to Center Point customers; have fee with Charter Communications and Lakedale Telephone, but not with Center Point, Xcel Energy and Wright Hennepin; need to treat similar entities the same; and annual review. A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, to not implement a franchise fee with Center Point Energy at this time.

Lakedale Telephone Franchise – Peg Fee Approval

A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Dircks, to keep the PEG fee for 2007 at \$0.85 for both Charter and Lakedale and to notify Lakedale Telephone of the rate.

Fire Department Storage Shed

Todd Borell and Brad Hennen were present for the Fire Department. Borell stated that the Fire Department would like to build a storage shed. The shed will be 40x40 and will be heated. It will be used for storage now, but will have trucks parked in there eventually. Building this shed will buy the Fire Department 15-20 years without adding on or building a new station. The shed will cost \$48,800 and the Department has \$80,000 in their building fund. In researching an addition to the Fire Hall, the cost would be over \$200,000. A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Mooney, to approve the building storage shed for the Fire Department at a cost of \$48,800. Messina stated that a task force should be established to ascertain the benefits of securing the property north of the Fire Hall.

Old Business/Directive Franchises

Nothing new to report.

Speed Sign

Hruby reported that the Annandale Police Department called today regarding the speed sign. The cost of the sign is approximately \$8,000. The City of Annandale is putting \$2,000 towards the sign and the Annandale Lions are donating \$2,000 towards the sign. Pagel reported on tort liability issues regarding joint ventures. Pagel requested authorization for her office to contact the League of Minnesota Cities regarding co-owner issues, but indicated that the City could move forward with the purchase. Messina asked Mooney if the Lions would make a donation. Mooney stated the City should request a donation. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Northenscold, to approve the purchase of a speed sign at an approximate cost of \$8,000 with the City of Annandale and the City of Maple Lake sharing the cost, authorizing staff to work out the details with the City of Annandale and requesting a donation from the Lions.

Administrative Issues

Budget Committee Meeting

A Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2006, at 8:30 a.m.

Open Forum

Northenscold reminded people of Days of Old celebration on August 19, 2006

Adjournment

A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Mooney, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Attest,

City Clerk/Treasurer