

MAPLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

September 4, 2007 – Minutes

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

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

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney Rhonda Pagel, City Engineer Jeremy Mathiason, 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, removing the following item under New Business: b. Birch Avenue Improvement – Set Up Public Hearing Date and adding item g. Authorization to Modify USDA Application to Include Adding Birch Avenue and Connection of Proposed Lift Station

Consent Agenda

A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Northenscold, to approve the Consent Agenda including Approval of the August 21, 2007 Minutes; Approval of Disbursement List #07-16 and #LS09-04-07; Approval to set the Truth in Taxation Hearing Date for December 4, and the Continuation and Adoption Hearing Date for December 18, 2007, all to be held at 7:00 p.m.; and Approval of American Legion and VFW – Club and Sunday Liquor Licenses

New Business

Maple Avenue North and Congress Street Improvements

Mathiasen reported that a quote of \$25,000 was received from Keith Wurm Construction to patch Maple Avenue North and Congress Street. Mathiasen also stated that discussions were held regarding the removal and resurfacing of Maple Avenue North, which would require assessing the property owners for the cost. It was the consensus to do the minimum patching on Maple Avenue North this year and to tie the removal and resurfacing project into projects slated for next year. Several residents were present with the following concerns: who would pay for costs associated with patching Maple Avenue North this year; traffic concerns on this street, with a request for a four-way stop; and the condition of the soil under the road. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Kelly, to approve the quote of \$25,000 from Keith Wurm Construction to perform the Maple Avenue North and Congress Street Improvements.

TIF 1-12, Cedar Lake, Public Hearing for Modification #2 – 7:05 p.m.

TIF 4-1, M & P, Public Hearing for Modification #1 – 7:10 p.m.

Messina closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearings at 7:14 p.m. for TIF 1-12, Cedar Lake Modification #2 and TIF 4-1, M & P Modification #1. Meyer stated that these districts were subject to the tax rate compression enacted by the state legislature in 2001 and the city has received less tax increment. The legislature allows cities to extend districts for 3-4 years to receive tax increment to cover expenses. No comments were received from the public. Messina closed the public hearings and opened the regular meeting at 7:19 p.m.

A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Dircks, to adopt **Resolution #R2007-30**, approving Modification #2 for TIF 1-12, Cedar Lake, to extend the district an additional 4 years. All present voted aye.

A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Northenscald, to adopt **Resolution #R2007-31**, approving Modification #1 for TIF 4-1, M & P, to extend the district an additional 4 years. All present voted aye.

Resolution for Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant Note

Pagel reported this resolution is for financing for the joint Wastewater Treatment Plant. At a prior meeting the Council granted approval for the City of Annandale to issue the PFA loan for the entire amount and the City of Maple Lake to issue a General Obligation note to the City of Annandale for its portion of the cost. Mary Frances Skala, the City's bond counsel, reviewed and approved the documents. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Dircks, to adopt **Resolution #R2007-30**, Concurring in the Issuance of the \$16,036,613 General Obligation Taxable Sewer Revenue Note of 2007 by the City of Annandale, Minnesota, and Authorizing Execution of a \$8,018,306.50 General Obligation Taxable Sewer Revenue Note of 2007. All present voted aye.

Resolution Approving the 2008 Proposed Budget and Proposed Tax Levy

Hruby reported that the Budget Committee met and reviewed the TIF district funds, the debt service funds, the enterprise funds, and the general fund. Hruby also met with the remaining members of the Council and reviewed the above mentioned funds with them. Hruby stated that the levy could be lowered if necessary to achieve a tax rate of 34. A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Messina, to adopt **Resolution #R2007-31**, adopting the 2008 Proposed Budget of \$1,325,412 and 2008 Proposed Tax Levy of \$657,582. All present voted aye.

Authorization to Modify USDA Application to Include Adding Birch Avenue and Connection of Proposed Lift Station

Meyer stated that the City has a USDA application, which was submitted two to three years ago and proposes modifying this application to include the addition of the Birch Avenue Project and Connection of the Proposed Lift Station for the joint sewer plant. Meyer stated if the application is modified soon, the City would be able to do these improvements next year. A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, authorizing John Meyer to modify the USDA Application to include the addition of the Birch Avenue Project and Connection of the Proposed Lift Station to the Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Old Business/Directive

Ramsey Lake Heights

Messina stated the Council received draft copies of the proposed letter to be sent to residents at Ramsey Lake Heights. Several residents were present and the following items were discussed: the letter content; number of letters to be sent out was 43; buildable lots; county to begin septic system inspections soon; grants or other available funding; and Ramsey Lake being listed as an impaired lake in 2008. A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, directing staff to send the letter to Ramsey Lake Heights residents, without including a stamped return envelope.

Bolduan Park Project

Mathiasen reported that plans and specifications for this project were completed last year and that the contractor will honor prices (\$49,551) from last year. The easement with the adjoining property area is being worked on. A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Dircks, authorizing the city engineer to proceed with the Bolduan Park Project.

Administrative Issues

Reminders:

City Council meeting September 18, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Park Board meeting September 11, 2007 – 5:00 p.m.

Airport Commission meeting September 25, 2007, 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Attest,

City Clerk/Treasurer