

MAPLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

September 19, 2006 - Minutes

The Maple Lake City Council was called to order at 7:06 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 additions under Consent Agenda: f. Approval to Set Truth in Taxation Hearing Date for December 5, and continuation and adoption hearing date for December 19, 2006, all to be held at 7:00 p.m., under New Business: f. Library Grant, and under Old Business: c. Speed Sign – Lion's Donation Denial.

Consent Agenda

A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Mooney, to approve the Consent Agenda including Approval of the September 5, 2006 Minutes; Approval of Disbursement List #06-18 and #LS09-19-06; Approval for Staff to Attend PERA Training Session in St. Cloud on November 1, 2006; Approval to move the Tuesday, November 7, 2006 City Council Meeting to Wednesday, November 8, 2006 due to General Election; Approval of June Financial Reports; Approval to Set the Truth in Taxation Hearing Date for December 5, and Continuation and Adoption Hearing Date for December 19, 2006, all to be held at 7:00 p.m.

New Business

2007 Operating Levy and Building Bond Referendum for ISD #881

School Superintendent Mark Redemske and School Board Chairman Greg Mooney were present. Redemske stated that the current capacity for the elementary school is 485 students and 627 for the high school. At the start of school this fall there were a total of 969 students. There will be 3 questions on the ballot on November 7 as follows: 1) A request for an operating levy for an additional \$59 per pupil unit for each of the next ten years, 2) A request for a building bond for additional classroom space, special education space, elementary cafeteria space, storage space and to address deferred maintenance and safety issues; and 3) A request for a building bond for a new auditorium and renovation and expansion of our high school music rooms. Question 1 must pass before question 2 can pass. Questions 1 and 2 must pass before question 3 can pass. The tax impact on these questions is as follows: On a home valued at \$200,000 – question 1 would be \$22 per year for 10 years, question 2 would be \$189 per year for 20 years, and question 3 would be \$113 per year for 20 years.

6th Street Lift Station – Final Acceptance

A motion was m/s/p, Messina/Kelly, to accept the municipal improvements for 6th Street Lift Station and authorize final payment of \$9,738.14, per engineer's recommendation.

Resolution Appointing Security State Agency and Gary Swearingen, Agent

Hruby reported that the insurance renewal date is November 1 and this appointment is required. A motion was m/s/p, Northenscold/Messina, to adopt Resolution #R2006-42, appointing Security State Agency and Gary Swearingen, Agent of Record. All present voted aye.

Resolution Not Waiving the Monetary Limit on Municipal Tort Liability

A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Messina, to adopt Resolution #R2006-43, not waiving the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statute 466.04. All present voted aye.

Happy Knoll 3rd Addition

The City received a letter from Mark Woolston requesting an extension of time for the Preliminary Plat for Happy Knoll 3rd Addition. A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Mooney, for an extension of time for the Preliminary Plat for Happy Knoll 3rd Addition from October 5, 2006 to October 5, 2007, per request from the developer.

Library Grant

Northenscold reported that John Meyer and Karla Heeter are making presentations tonight before the Great River Regional Library Board for a library in the new city hall. Hruby stated there are library construction grants available and the deadline for filing the application is November 1, 2006. A motion was m/s/p, Kelly/Dircks, to adopt Resolution #R2006-44, authorizing Meyer to submit a grant application for half the total of the project and authorizing the mayor and city clerk to sign the application. All present voted aye.

Old Business/Directive

Franchises

Nothing new.

Transportation Amendment

A discussion was held regarding the distribution of funds if this amendment was approved. It was the consensus of the Council to take no action on this matter.

Speed Sign – Lion’s Donation Denial

A discussion was held regarding the need for buying a sign based on the availability of a sign from the Sheriff’s Department. Hruby stated the Council approved the purchase of a speed sign with the City of Annandale at a prior meeting and the money to purchase the sign will be paid for out of the Street Fund.

Administrative Issues

Wright County Antique Run

Hruby reported that a request has been made for funds to support the Wright County Antique Run and that it would be more appropriate for the Chamber of Commerce to support this event. Hruby has talked to members of the Chamber and it will be brought to their Board of Directors next week.

Pagel reported that the City has received a summons and complaint naming the City as a stakeholder

in a lawsuit regarding a deposit escrow for an industrial parcel in Jude's Industrial Park 6th Addition.

Open Forum

None

Adjournment

A motion was m/s/p, Dircks/Kelly, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Attest,

City Clerk/Treasurer