

MAPLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

October 5, 2021 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Borell.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: John Haack, Brian Fondurulia and Kristen Logas.

Absent: Geyen

Others Present: Renee Eckerly, City Administrator; Phil Gravel, City Engineer (Stantec); Roland Keranen, Al Hudek, Public Works Director; Thomas G Domres, US Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration, Grade Crossing Inspector – MN and WI District 4(via telephone)

New Business

a. Airport and Grants

Discussed the negative financial condition of the airport, seven grants that the city has the option to accept but will be making a 20 year commitment to maintaining the airport and the request from the local EEA Chapter for city to purchase their old hangar (C-5), then demolish it for access to the grass area where two more hangars could be built. Eckerly will put finance condition of airport on the next Airport Commission agenda.

b. Splash Pad

Discussed other cities that have splash pads, which park a splash pad would fit, and Stantecs' experience regarding installation and water usage. Eckerly is to contact the City of Delano find out cost, usage of water, cost to maintain, licenses, and how splash pad is operated.

c. Observing Juneteenth

Discussed the new Federal Holiday of Juneteenth, which is observed on June 20th. It is not currently a holiday designated by the State of Minnesota. Eckerly is to research how many other cities/counties are observing.

d. Paid COVID-19 Leave(draft amendment to Personnel Policy)

Discussed that the Emergency Declaration is over along with the grant money to reimburse for staff missing work. Goal is to encourage staff to stay home when they are sick and to include part-time staff also. Draft policy will be on the next City Council agenda for approval.

Old / Other Business

a. Train Crossing Quiet Zone

Gravel reported on the procedure to apply for a Quiet Zone/costs and reviewed a Stantec report dated October 28, 2019 regarding implementation. Discussed public taxpayers only funding option and other cities. Planned the attendance for the Diagnostic meeting to be engineer, MNDOT, Mayor, Domres, possible private landowners, council members. There is no charge for the meeting and it will be in October. Report will be given to Council. Positive Train Control (PTC) has passed on Federal level. All locomotives in our area do have GPS and the PTC.

b. Need for Stop and Children at Play signage at Cedar Street & 6th

Discussed that the potential danger to children on 6th Street. The north side leads to the trail. Hudek will order signage and contact homeowners to trim trees for line of sight.

c. Hwy 55 & Spruce Intersection

Discussed the potential danger and ideas of how to get MNDOT to understand to take action.

d. International Property Maintenance Code, 2018 Version

Eckerly will put this on the January agenda.

e. **Public Works Director Position**

Discussed how Council member got involved in the communication among staff and the negative impact.
Discussed the approval of continual education to retain licenses.

Dates to Remember/ Announcements

- City Council Workshop, 10/8/21, at 6:00 pm
- City Council Special Meeting, 10/6/2021, at 4:30 p.m. (Public Works)
- Liquor Store Committee Meeting, 10/11/2021 at 5:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting, 10/12/2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- City Council Meeting, 10/19/2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was m/s/p, Haack/Logas to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. All present voted in favor.

Attest,

Renee Eckerly
City Administrator