

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 10, 2024
6:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Maple Lake City Council will hold a special meeting pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.04, subdivision 2 on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, commencing at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 10 Maple Ave S, Maple Lake, MN 55358. The purpose of the special meeting is as follows:

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Kissock called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL – Mayor Kissock, Councilors John Haack, Scott Chantland, Lori Hausken, and Wayne Paumen.

Staff Present: City Administrator Renee Eckerly, Tracy Reimen, Building Official, Scott Quale, City Engineer and Dave Anderson, City Attorney

Present: Ross Danielson, Jonathan Danielson, Kurt Hausken, Helen Jude, E. Ress, Mitch & Taylor, Natasha, Kelly Logeais, Nathaniel Martin

RENTAL DWELLING ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

The City Council will continue its discussion and provide further direction to staff regarding the potential adoption of a rental dwelling ordinance. A draft ordinance has been prepared by staff and consultants for discussion purposes only.

Draft Rental Dwelling Ordinance and Checklist

Rental Property Owner listing

Notification to Property Owners of meeting

Example of existing lease agreement

HOME line nonprofit MN tenant advocacy organization

MN Attorney General Landlords and Tenants Rights and Responsibilities document

List of Minnesota Cities that have adopted a rental ordinance.

Mayor Kissock stated that the city had been working on these ordinances and policies for some time. The city has had situations where the city had no support to enforce housing/rental agreements, etc. Staff commented that is it better to have some ordinances in place to protect the renters and landlords. The city has very few issues at this time and that is why the city would like to be proactive in researching rental ordinances.

Five people gave written feedback prior to the meeting.

Ross Danielson stated comments and concerns regarding new laws for landlords and renters. He commented that Covid has really made it difficult to enter the rental units.

Mayor Kissock stated that this meeting was set for more information, hear from the landlords, renters, and others. This meeting will help the City Council to decide on proposed ordinances.

There were questions regarding fire extinguishers. Tracy suggested adding to the proposed ordinance language that stated all fire extinguishers should be maintained per the State of Minnesota Fire Codes. There was public comment stating that these items are already covered by the State of Minnesota and County Ordinances and laws. There were questions regarding the rights of the landlords and the rights of the renters.

Mayor Kissock stated that the City Council appreciates all the public comments and participants. This meeting is a time for gathering information and working towards adoption of an ordinance if needed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Kissock, seconded by Councilor Hausken. All voting yes. Motion declared passed.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST _____
Mayor Lynn Kissock