

**CITY OF MAPLE LAKE
WRIGHT COUNTY, MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MAPLE LAKE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 16, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order** - The regular meeting of the Maple Lake City Council was called to order by Mayor Lynn Kissock at 6:00 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Lynn Kissock, Councilors: Kris Logas, Scott Chantland, and Lori Hausken were present.

City Staff and Consultants Present: Andrew Johnson, Public Works Director; Cathy Reynolds, Interim City Administrator; Chuck Boser, City Engineer; Sam Ketchum, City Attorney; Tabitha Berg, Ambulance Director; Deputy Johnson, Wright County Sherriff's Department

2. **Approval of Agenda** - Mayor Kissock explained two amendments to the agenda requested by staff. 1) Move agenda item 8.h, Approve Resolution 2025-61, approving 2026 liquor license renewals from the consent agenda to item 10.b. under new business. 2) Add item 8.i, approve fire department new hire to the consent agenda. **Councilor Chantland made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Councilor Logas seconded the motion. Motion passed. (4-0)**
3. **Open Forum** – No one was present to address the Council
4. **Law Enforcement Report** - Deputy Johnson reviewed the October and November law enforcement report. Deputy Johnson will be rotating to a new assignment in January and the City will have a new Deputy assigned. Council thanked Deputy Johnson for his great service to our community.
5. **Public Hearing** – No public hearing was scheduled.
6. **Consent Agenda** –
 - a. Approval of Check Register Report
 - b. Approval of December 2, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
 - c. Approval of December 2, 2025 Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes
 - d. Approve Resolution 2025-60 Year End Transfers
 - e. Approve Temporary Street Closing on February 22, 2026 for Snow Machine Rendezvous and Ride
 - f. Approve Gambling Applications from The Church of Saint Timothy for March 22, 2026, May 2, 2026, and September 27, 2026
 - g. Approve Gambling Application from Knights of Columbus for Maple Lake Ice Fishing Derby on February 7, 2026
 - ~~h. Approve Resolution 2025-61, Approving 2026 Liquor License Renewals~~
 - i. Approve Fire Department New Hire, Andrew Schilla, contingent on background check.

Motion made by Councilor Logas and seconded by Councilor Hausken to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion passed (4-0).

7. Department Reports

- a. **Administration** – Interim City Administrator provided an update on administration activities.
- b. **City Attorney** – The City Attorney discussed a short-term rental ordinance and recommended that a work session be held to discuss options. It was agreed to discuss at a work session in February. The council also discussed conducting a review of ordinances to be proactive in seeing what needs to be updated or should be considered for adoption.
- c. **City Engineer** –
 - i. The City Engineer discussed the Open House for the First Street and Pleasant Street design project to be held on January 6, 2026 from 4:30 – 5:30 and provided an update on the designs being considered.
 - ii. Airport Grant Agreement. The City Engineer discussed the state grant agreement for the taxi lane H project. The grant will fund 60% of the project cost and the city will have responsibility for 40%. The council discussed the airport. **Councilor Chantland made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-62, Approving the State Airport Fund Grant Agreement for Taxi Lane H. Mayor Kissock seconded the motion and the motion passed. (4-0).**
- d. **Public Works** – The Public Works Director provided an update on activities. The department will start picking up Christmas trees on Monday, December 29 and will continue on Mondays for four weeks.
- e. **Liquor Store** – The Mayor read the liquor store's report for council.

8. New Business

- a. **Ambulance Service Wage Discussion.** The Ambulance Service Director requested council consider adjusting ambulance wages to \$25 for transports to Monticello and Buffalo, \$50 for transport to St Cloud, \$10 for no transport. Fire and standby calls would remain at the \$10 per hour rate. These rates would go into effect for their 2026 fiscal year. **Councilor Logas made a motion to approve the proposed rates. Councilor Hausken seconded the motion and the motion passed. (4-0)**
- b. **Resolution 2025-61 Approving 2026 Liquor Licenses.** Council was informed that the proposed resolution in the agenda packet had been updated with The Butchery's license type changing from 3.2 to on sale. **Councilor Logas made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-61 Approving the 2026 Liquor License. Councilor Chantland seconded the motion and the motion passed. (4-0).**

9. Old Business

- a. **2026 Final Budget and Levy.** The interim city administrator reviewed the 2026 budget with the changes requested from the December 2, 2025 council meeting. **Mayor Kissock made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-57, Approving the Final 2026 Levy. Council Hausken seconded the motion. The motion passed. (4-0)**

Councilor Chantland made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-58, Approving the Final 2026 Budget. Councilor Logas seconded the motion. The motion passed. (4-0).

10. Announcements

- Christmas Holiday – City Hall Closed – December 24, 25 & 26
- New Year's Day Holiday – City Hall Closed – January 1 & 2
- Open House Pleasant Street and First Street Design – January 6, 2026 4:30 – 5:30
- City Council Meeting – Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting - Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- MLEDA Meeting - Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
- Martin Luther King Holiday, City Hall Closed, January 19, 2026
- Personnel Committee Meeting - Tuesday, January 20, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
- City Council Meeting - Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment – Councilor Logas made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Chantland seconded the motion and the motion passed. (4-0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Approved: 
Kristen Logas, Acting Mayor

Attest: 
Cathy Reynolds, Interim City Administrator