

# **AGENDA**

Maple Lake City Council  
Special Meeting

March 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible following the City Council Work Session  
Council Chambers, Maple Lake City Hall



## **RULES OF CIVILITY FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

The City of Maple Lake expects everyone appearing at Council Meetings to follow some basic rules of civility – elected officials, staff, citizens, and visitors. It is hoped that by following these simple rules, everyone’s opinions can be heard and understood in a reasonable manner. It is understood that everyone will follow these principles:

**Show Respect For Each Other \* Actively Listen To One Another \* Keep Emotions In Check  
\* Use Respectful Language**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Business –**
  - a. Consider Massage License Applications**
    - i. Resolution 2026-13 Denying Applications for Therapeutic Massage Enterprise License for Serenity Asian Massage and Massage Therapist License for Yuping Wang
    - ii. Lan Sky Spa and Yan Tang Therapeutic Massage Enterprise License and Massage Therapist License
    - iii. Body Works by Jody and Jody Arnold Therapeutic Massage Enterprise License and Massage Therapist License
  - b. Consider Appointment to Council Vacancy**
    - i. Resolution 2026-12 Appointing Council Member
- 5. Adjournment**



## Maple Lake City Council

### Agenda Memo

March 3, 2026

**From:** Cathy Reynolds, Interim City Administrator

**To:** City Council

**Subject:** Consider Massage License Applications

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**Policy/Action Requested:** Consider Therapeutic Massage Enterprise Licenses and Massage Therapist licenses.

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**Staff Recommendation:**

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**Overview:**

The council passed Ordinance 2025-02 in August 2025 establishing a licensing and regulatory structure for massage businesses in Maple Lake. Staff has been working with the massage businesses in town to obtain the required applications, documents, and fees. The following businesses and individuals have completed the application process. Staff have reviewed the materials provided, and obtained a background check from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA). Council tabled consideration of two applications at the February 17, 2026 to a special meeting to be held on March 3, 2026.

1. Serenity Asian Massage and Yuping Wang. A Therapeutic Massage Enterprise License and a Massage Therapist License have been received from Yuping Wang for herself and the business Serenity Asian Massage. A felony conviction for filing false or fraudulent tax returns was located for Ms. Wang during the background check. Based on this finding, Resolution 2026-13 was prepared for council to deny the applications for a Therapeutic Massage Enterprise License and the Massage Therapist License.
2. Lan Sky Spa LLC and Yan Tang. A Therapeutic Massage Enterprise License and a Massage Therapist License have been received from Yan Tang. A background check turned up a speeding ticket and a parking ticket. The business is registered with the Secretary of State and is in good standing. Ms Tang is authorized to work in the United States and has the appropriate training and insurance.
3. Body Works by Jody and Jody Arnold. A Therapeutic Massage Enterprise License and a Massage Therapist License have been received from Jody Arnold. Ms Arnold operates her business out of her home. A background check was completed along with a review of her application. All materials have been submitted and no items of concern were noted.

Council may consider approval or denial of the applications. A Resolution denying the applications of YuPing Wang and Serenity Asian Massage has been prepared for council consideration. If council desires to deny an application a resolution for denial with findings of fact should be prepared for council consideration.

**Attached:** Resolution 2026-13

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**CITY OF MAPLE LAKE  
WRIGHT COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-13**

**RESOLUTION DENYING APPLICATIONS FOR THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE  
ENTERPRISE LICENSE FOR SERENITY ASIAN MASSAGE  
AND MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE FOR YUPING WANG**

**WHEREAS**, Section 17.03(A) of the Maple Lake City Code (“City Code”) prohibits any person from operating any type of massage services to the public without a therapeutic massage enterprise license from the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 17.03(B) of the City Code also prohibits any individual from providing massage services without a massage therapist license from the City; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect businesses that are operating legitimate enterprises, to prevent criminal activity, and to protect the health and welfare of the community, the City Council examines applications for such licenses; and

**WHEREAS**, YouHao LLC, doing business as “Serenity Asian Massage” (the “Therapeutic Massage Enterprise License Applicant”) has applied for a therapeutic massage enterprise at 27 Maple Ave, Maple Lake, MN 55358; and

**WHEREAS**, Yuping Wang (the “Massage Therapist License Applicant” or “Ms. Wang”) is the owner and operator of the Therapeutic Massage Enterprise License Applicant, and has applied for a massage therapist license; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 17.07 of the City Code details the license application verification and consideration requirements, including that the City may conduct any and all investigations deemed necessary to verify the information provided by the applicant on the application form, including ordering a computerized criminal history inquiry and/or a driver's license history inquiry on the applicant; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 17.08(A)(2) and Section 17.08(B)(2) of the City Code prohibits the City from issuing therapeutic massage enterprise licenses and massage therapist licenses to applicants who have been convicted of any crime deemed by the City to be directly related to the massage business in accordance with the criteria set forth in Minnesota Statutes, Section 364.03, subdivision 2 and who the City has determined has not shown, in accordance with the criteria set forth in Minnesota Statutes, Section 364.03, subdivision 3, competent evidence of sufficient rehabilitation and present fitness to engage in the massage business; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 364.03, subdivision 2, the City, as the licensing authority, must consider:

- (1) the nature and seriousness of the crime or crimes for which the individual was convicted;

(2) the relationship of the crime or crimes to the purposes of regulating the position of public employment sought or the occupation for which the license is sought; and

(3) the relationship of the crime or crimes to the ability, capacity, and fitness required to perform the duties and discharge the responsibilities of the position of employment or occupation.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 364.03, subdivision 3, the City, as the licensing authority, must consider any evidence presented by the applicant regarding:

(1) the nature and seriousness of the crime or crimes for which convicted;

(2) all circumstances relative to the crime or crimes, including mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the crime or crimes;

(3) the age of the person at the time the crime or crimes were committed;

(4) the length of time elapsed since the crime or crimes were committed; and

(5) all other competent evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness presented, including, but not limited to, letters of reference by persons who have been in contact with the applicant since the applicant's release from any local, state, or federal correctional institution.

**WHEREAS**, Section 17.08(A)(5) and Section 17.08(B)(5) of the City Code prohibits the City from issuing therapeutic massage enterprise licenses and massage therapist licenses to applicants who are not of good moral character or repute; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 17.08(A)(7) and Section 17.08(B)(6) of the City Code prohibits the City from issuing therapeutic massage enterprise licenses and massage therapist licenses to applicants who have knowingly misrepresented or falsified information on the license application or failed to provide all information required by the application form; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council considered the applications by the Therapeutic Massage Enterprise License Applicant and Massage Therapist License Applicant (together, the "Applicants") during its March 3, 2026 City Council meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council hereby finds and determines the following:

1. The above recitals are incorporated into these findings as if fully set forth herein.

2. In their application, the Applicants were asked the following question:

"Has Applicant previously been denied a license to perform massage services, or had a license revoked or suspended, and, if so, the circumstances of such denial, revocation, or suspension."

The Applicants responded:

“Denied in Mahtomedi for tax issue but now paid in full.”

3. In their application, the Applicants was also asked the following question:

“List below as to whether, within the preceding five (5) years, the applicant, and/or owner of the business has been convicted of any crime relating to theft, damage or trespass to property, sale of a controlled substance, or the operation of business; the nature of any such offense and the penalty assessed.”

The Applicants responded:

“None”

4. Contrary to the above response, City staff determined that Ms. Wang has been convicted of a crime related to the operation of a business within the preceding five years.
5. Specifically, on June 15, 2021, Ms. Wang was charged in Anoka County Court File No. 02-CR-21-3256 with six felony counts (three counts of filing false or fraudulent returns with the Commissioner of Revenue and three counts of failure to pay or collect taxes) for events occurring from July 1, 2019 through October 15, 2019 and on July 16, 2020, related to the operation of Indigo Massage, LLC, as well as underreporting of her personal income.
6. Previously, on June 10, 2021, Ms. Wang was also charged in Anoka County Court File No. 02-CR-21-3145 with one felony count of Receiving Profits from Prostitution, for events occurring from September 25, 2019 through October 3, 2019, related to acts of prostitution occurring on the Indigo Massage premises at a time that she was the owner of Indigo Massage.
7. On May 18, 2022, Ms. Wang entered a petition to plead guilty in Anoka County Court File No. 02-CR-21-3256. In exchange for her plea, the five remaining charges in Anoka County Court File No. 02-CR-21-3256 were dismissed and Court File No. 02-CR-21-3145 was dismissed in its entirety. The remaining count in Court File No. 02-CR-21-3256, Count III of the complaint, alleged that on or about July 16, 2020, Ms. Wang filed with the Commissioner of Revenue a return, report, or other document, known by her, to be fraudulent or false concerning a material matter. The Statement of Probable Cause alleges that Ms. Wang defrauded the State of Minnesota of tax revenue by failing to report sales from her business, Indigo Massage, and also underreported her personal income and underpaid her personal income tax as a result of underreporting sales from Indigo Massage. The conviction for filing false or fraudulent returns is a felony in the State of Minnesota.

8. A felony conviction for filing fraudulent or false returns, reports, or other document with the Commissioner of Revenue is a serious crime.
9. The above findings indicate that the Applicants engaged in criminal activity related to a business that is the same or highly similar as the activity proposed by the Applicants.
10. The above findings demonstrate that the Applicants do not have the ability, capacity, and fitness required to perform the occupation for which the license is sought.
11. Ms. Wang was 57 years of age at the time of the conviction and their age does not mitigate against the nature or seriousness of the offense.
12. The conviction occurred in 2022, and arises out of an investigation in 2019 through 2020, and the time elapsed since the crime does not mitigate against the nature or seriousness of the offense.
13. In their investigation, City staff determined that Ms. Wang was ordered to meet certain conditions, including the payment of restitution of \$28,708.90 within 4.5 years of the conviction. In their application, the Applicants appear to indicate that this same restitution was “paid in full.” Regardless, the City Council finds that this is not sufficient evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness for either a therapeutic massage enterprise license or massage therapist license, especially in light of the above findings.
14. The City Council determines that denying the licenses is consistent with the criteria set forth in Minnesota Statutes, Section 364.03, subdivision 2.
15. The City Council determines that denying the licenses is consistent with the criteria set forth in Minnesota Statutes, Section 364.03, subdivision 3.
16. The City Council determines that the above findings indicate that the Applicants are not of good moral character or repute.
17. The City Council determines that the above findings indicate that Applicants knowingly misrepresented or falsified information on the license application or failed to provide all information required by the application form.
18. The City Council determines that denying the licenses are reasonable and appropriate to protect businesses that are operating legitimate enterprises, to prevent criminal activity, and to protect the health and welfare of the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Maple Lake City Council, based on all evidence and testimony provided during the revocation hearing and the factual findings and conclusions of law contained herein, and on the entire record of this matter, hereby resolves as follows:

1. The therapeutic massage enterprise license application for YouHao LLC, doing business as “Serenity Asian Massage,” is hereby **DENIED**.

2. The massage therapist license application for Yuping Wang is hereby **DENIED**.
3. The Interim City Administrator, or their designee, are hereby authorized and directed to take all other action necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution including to provide the Therapeutic Massage Enterprise License Applicant and the Massage Therapist License Applicant with a copy of this Resolution and the notice informing them of their right to appeal to the City Council within 20 days.
4. If either the Therapeutic Massage Enterprise License Applicant or the Massage Therapist License Applicant appeals such denial(s), the City Council shall consider such appeal(s) on the next available City Council agenda.
5. At such City Council meeting, the City Council shall hold a hearing and consider any further evidence presented by City staff under Minnesota law and City Code as well as any further evidence presented by the applicant regarding the criteria set forth in Minnesota Statutes, Section 364.03, subdivision 2 and Minnesota Statutes, Section 364.03, subdivision 3.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Maple Lake, Minnesota, this 3rd day of March, 2026.

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Lynn Kissock, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathy Reynolds, Interim City Administrator



# Maple Lake City Council

## Agenda Memo

March 3, 2026

**From:** Cathy Reynolds, Interim City Administrator

**To:** City Council

**Subject:** Consider Appointment to Council Vacancy

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**Policy/Action Requested:** Consider appointment to the City Council Vacancy

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**Staff Recommendation:**

**Overview:**

The city council heard from two candidates for the city council vacancy at the February 17, 2026 city council meeting. The council may consider appointing one of the candidates to the vacant slot. The individual appointed would serve until the special election in November 2026.

Resolution 2026-12 has been prepared for council's consideration if they desire to make an appointment.

**Budget Impact:**

**Attachments:** Resolution 2026-12

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**CITY OF MAPLE LAKE  
WRIGHT COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**Resolution No. 2026-12**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER**

**WHEREAS**, on October 7, 2025, Maple Lake City Councilmember Wayne Paumen, whose term was scheduled to expire on December 31, 2028, resigned from office; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 21, 2025, the Maple Lake City Council formally declared a council vacancy to exist pursuant to said resignation; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 412.02, subdivision 2a, the Maple Lake City Council desires to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the portion of the vacant council seat until a special election can be held concurrent to the regular municipal election on November 3, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Maple Lake, Minnesota that \_\_\_\_\_ is appointed to fill the council seat made vacant by the aforementioned resignation until the qualification of a successor elected at a special election to fill the unexpired portion of the term.

Adopted this 3rd day of March, 2026.

**BY THE CITY COUNCIL:**

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Lynn Kissock, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathy Reynolds, Interim City Administrator