

MAPLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

September 7, 2021 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Others Present: Renee Eckerly, City Administrator; Jerry Sawatzke Public Works Director

New Business

a. Public Works Director Position

Discussed the Personnel policy section Sick Leave Accrual Payout Policy. Sawatzke reported he will be submitting his retirement resignation with his final day being November 30, 2021. The Sick Leave policy has a cap of 960 hours, while Sawatzke has 1,904. There is one other employee this policy effects which is Hudek. Other staff have resigned under similar amounts of sick leave and were paid out under the policy. No other staff in the future will be paid any amounts for their sick leave.

b. Preliminary 2022 Budget

There is a budget meeting scheduled for September 28, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. Council discussed whether the library donation should be \$10,000 or \$15,000.

c. Parking on Birch Street

Discussed person from the apartment complex downtown whom owns multiple cars is parking randomly in residential parts of the city and accessing his cars at all hours of the night. Deputies informing residences that call in that he is parked on a public street, so he isn't breaking any laws.

Old / Other Business

a. Beach Signage

Discussed what information should be on the beach signage:

- No Lifeguard on duty
- No glass
- No pets on beach
- Pets allowed on westside of boat launch
- Clean Up your area when you leave

b. Update on Accounting Clerk Hiring

Eckerly reported received 3 applications. Discussed if pay being offered is too low, possible going to Step 9 for hiring. Interview will be done on September 17, 2021 and see if any candidate is qualified.

c. Revolving Loans – Reactivate Payments

Discussed restarting payments that City Council put a hold on April 21, 2020 due to COVID-19. Eckerly will have letters mailed to the 3 revolving loan recipients that payments will restart on November 1, 2021.

d. Train Crossing Quiet Zone

Eckerly reported that the city has been dealing with this topic since 2007. Discussed letter and documentation that Haack presented dated August 11, 2021 from Thomas G Domres, from US Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration, Grade Crossing Inspector – MN and WI District 4. This item will be on the next Workshop agenda invite Phil Gravel, City Engineer (Stantec) and the Thomas Domres (via phone).

Put on next Workshop agenda Highway 55 and Spruce Street intersection.

Noted that the International Property Maintenance Code, 2018 Version will be on the October 5, 2021 Workshop agenda

Adjournment

A motion was m/s/p, Borell/Logas to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. All present voted in favor.

Attest,

Renee Eckerly
City Administrator