

**MAPLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL**  
March 16, 2021 Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Borell.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:**

**Others Present:** City Administrator Sabrina Hille, Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Borell, Marcus from TDKA, City Engineer Phil Gravel, and City Attorney Dave Anderson

**OPEN FORUM**

The new Royalty for Maple Lake were present and introduced themselves.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

*A motion was m/s/p, Geyen/Fondurulia, to approve the agenda as written. All present voted in favor.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of the 3/2/2021 Workshop and Special Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of the 2/16/2021 Minutes
- c. Approval of 3/16/2021 Disbursement List, February Check Register, February Financials and Liquor Financials
- d. Approval of Engineer's Report
- e. Approval of P & Z Report
- f. Airport ALP and MP Monthly Update
- g. TKDA Payment
- h. Liquor Store Report – Ang Berthiaume
- i. Budget Amendment – Insurance Allocations
- j. Maintenance Report – Jerry Sawatzke

*A motion was m/s/p, Geyen/Logas to approve the consent agenda. All present voted in favor.*

**Wright County Sherriff's Department**

No one was present.

**Department Reports**

- a. Administrative Report

City Administrator Sabrina Hille stated that the auditors completed their virtual annual audit last week and will complete the remainder of the audit at their office, finalizing a report for Council by early summer. The City is ready to move ahead with Well Head Protection Plan - part 2. Staff is working on the Security Plan with the help of the Wright County Sherriff Department. The City is requesting RFP for Planning Services to move forward with updating the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Borell shared from the Liquor Store Report that February sales were 14 % and they are busy doing quarterly inventory.

**New Business**

a. Randy's Environmental Services

Matt Herman and Deb Gatz were present. Matt spoke and stated that Randy's was purchased on December 1, 2020 by Republic Services. The business will continue to run as it has in the past under the Randy's Environmental Services name. The large corporation will allow for better equipment and also allow the current Public Relations Managers to focus 100% on their customers rather than trying to be in other area of the company at the same time.

A motion was m/s/p, Borell/Haack approve renewing the contract with Randy's Environmental Services/Republic Services for 5 years beginning May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2026 with final review and approval from the City Attorney. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

b. Airport Master Plan –Marcus Watson provided a presentation on the Maple Lake Airport Master Plan Study.

A motion was m/s/p, Logas/Fondurulia to approve the draft Airport Master plan and Airport Layout Plan as presented by TDKA. All present voted in favor.

c. Final Plat of Geneva Heights 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition

Chris Paumen was present and explained that conditions from Resolution 2021-03 have been met on the Final Plat.

A motion was m/s/p, Borell/Fondurulia to adopt Resolution 2021-07 approving the Final Plat for Geneva Heights 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was m/s/p, Borell/Geyen to approve the First Amendment to the Geneva Heights Planned Unit Development Agreement. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

d. Open Burning Ordinance

Wayne Paumen - 118 1<sup>st</sup> St E, Zoned AG - not in favor of new ordinance.

Alison Totz – 133 County Rd 8 S - not in favor of new ordinance

John Northenscold, Jr. - 52 Linden Ave S- would like definition of recreational fires on new ordinance

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of leaf burning within the city limits with council members having opposing opinions on the matter.

A motion was m/s/p, Borell/Geyen to adopt Ordinance 2021-02 amending the City Code by removing Chapter 23 in its entirety and replacing it with the amended Chapter 23 that would prohibit the burning of leaves at any time within the City Limits. 3 Ayes, 2 Nays, Haack & Fondurulia.

**Miscellaneous / Other Business**

a. Committee Reports

- Council Workshop – 3/2/2021

Mayor Borell stated that at the workshop the Council met with the president/building official of MNspect about the services their company provides. The banning of leaf burning was discussed, the Nuisance Ordinance was discussed again. The train crossing procedure was completed. A suggestion of allocating 2021 Health Insurance surplus to sidewalks was made. A User Agreement needs to be approved for the Laker Irish Stadium

and the Social Media Policy was given to all the members with a suggestion for updating using the Leagues sample model policy.

- Liquor Commission – 3/08/2021

Quotes need to be obtained for concrete repair. Ang would like 4 additional panic buttons installed at the store as recommended by the Sheriff's Department. A discussion was had on Wine Club starting up again. No candy will be handed out at the parade this year by the Liquor Store due to all the restrictions. Quotes will be obtained for a back-up generator and commercial gutter repair.

- Planning Commission – 3/09/2021

Council member Geyen stated that the Planning Commission recommended the approval of Geneva Heights 2<sup>nd</sup> addition Final Plat. John Rivers gave a presentation on Land Use Planning and the role of a Commission member from a class he attended. The formation of the Maple Lake Industrial Group, led by Tom Paumen, and their mission statement were supported by the Planning Commission. The group will form outside of the Planning Commission. The proposed state date of the Comprehensive Plan update is August 2021. Staff is going to investigate bylaws and training for the Planning Commission.

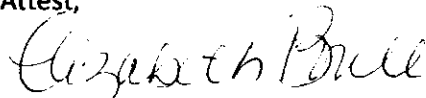
**Dates to Remember**

- City Council Workshop, Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 6:00 pm
- City Council Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm

**Adjournment**

**A motion was m/s/p, Haack/Fondurulia to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. All present voted in favor.**

Attest,



Elizabeth Bruce  
Deputy Clerk