

MAPLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL
June 15, 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: Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Borell, City Engineer Phil Gravel, Project Engineer Chuck Boser, and City Attorney Dave Anderson

OPEN FORUM

No one was present

AGENDA APPROVAL

A motion was m/s/p, Logas/Fondurulia to approve the agenda as written or with the addition of MNSPECT to letter h. under New Business. All present voted in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the 5/18/2021 Minutes and 5/25/2021 Special Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of 6/15/2021 Disbursement List May, Check Register, May Financials and Liquor Financials
- c. Approval of Engineer's Report
- d. Approval of P & Z Report
- e. Airport ALP and MP Monthly Update
- f. TKDA Payment
- g. Liquor Store Report – Ang Berthiaume
- h. Wright County EDA Resolution

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

Wright County Sherriff's Department

Deputy Weinzetl was present and stated that he has been the Maple Lake car for about 3 weeks now. This is his 1st Council meeting, and he did not realize he would be talking and will come more prepared next month.

Department Reports

- a. Administrative Report

Deputy Clerk Borell stated that staff continues to stay busy keeping everything running smoothly in the office. There was an issue with the sewer backing up here at City Hall at the beginning of June. We are working with the League of Minnesota Cities on the claim. Carrie did very well with the bond rating call. Staff will be meeting with MNSPECT this week to go over procedures with code enforcement. We have received very few complaints due to the street project; most are relating to parking in the downtown business district.

b. Maintenance Report

Jerry Sawatzke reported that it has been business as usual along with assisting with whatever is needed during the street project. 4th St will be treated for dust control this week. Borell asked if the Irish Stadium parking lot could be treated as well. Geyen asked the city tests for e coli at the beach, Sawatzke said they do not.

New Business

a. 2021 Street Project Update

City Engineer Phil Gravel stated that the project is on schedule. The residents have been cooperative, and the weather has helped the project keep moving along.

b. 2021 Street Project Bond

George Eilertson from Northland Securities was present and explained that the bond is for the 2021 Street & Utility Project and for the Refinancing of the 2014 Bond (Linden Ave Street Project). The bond rating call went very well and was able to retain its very strong rating. Eilertson went through the true net repayment savings to the city by refinancing and is receiving very good interest rates on the current bond. The funds will be disbursed to the City on July 20, 2021.

A motion was m/s/p, Borell/Logas to adopt Resolution 2021-15 providing for the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of \$3,735,000 General Obligation Improvement and Refunding Bond Series 2021A. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

c. Public Information Meeting – Wellhead Protection Program

Robyn Hoerr from MN Rural Water Association was present and explained that product of part one of this program is the map. The map shows the two primary city wells and the 10-year recharge area. The requirement of the project is the public information meeting, and this is a good point in the process of the program to have it, when the recharge area is known, and the vulnerability of the management area is known. The deadline to finish the program is 2023. Hoerr stated someone will need to be hired to finish to second part of plan.

d. Special Assessment Amendment

City Attorney Dave Anderson stated that this is a Petition and Waiver agreement for 118 1st St E, John Haack's property, and is related to the 2021 Street Project. This Agreement would allow for 2 separate connections, which would require an addition assessment, as the original adopted assessment roll was only for one. This agreement would allow for the assessment to be changed from \$15,633 to \$17,282.26 without holding another public hearing. The document would need to be signed by John Haack tonight. Logas questioned if the language regarding the fence meant that it would go back in where it was. Anderson stated that it would be put back to its closest original location. Geyen went on record stating she was against this from the start of discussions at a previous workshop and pointed out that information was sent out to resident in the work zone to start removing items from the right-of-way. Geyen pointed out several reasons why she felt this was not a viable option. Geyen felt that Haack should be charged for the attorney fees for this amendment. Anderson addressed her by stating that fees are the cost of doing business and stated he was directed by council to draft this document and reminded Geyen that residents have a statutory right to petition for projects. Haack spoke as a homeowner stating that he met with the project mangers on this project, and they came up with this proposal that made more sense.

A motion was m/s/p, Borell/Fondurulia to approve Option 2 as stated in the Petition and Waiver Agreement with the condition that John Haack sign the agreement following the end of the City Council

meeting this evening. Borell, Loqas, & Fondurulia voted in favor, Geyen voted against, Haack recused himself from the vote.

e. Beach Sign

Geyen reported that she spoke with the Lions, and they suggested the area west of the ramp to the pier. Haack stated that he has been down at the beach and is thinking more toward the east of the buoys. Lynn Christopherson was present and stated that the west side of the ramp was very busy with boats and cars and felt that was not a good option. Anderson stated that without an Ordinance nothing on the sign can be enforced. Geyen asked if the sign could be removed at the picnic area could be removed and a doggie station be put up. Trish Lynn stated she felt the west side didn't make sense because there are too many weeds.

f. Resolution Terminating Local Emergency

City Attorney Dave Anderson stated that in March of 2020 a Resolution was adopted Declaring a state of Local Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic

A motion was m/s/p, Borell/Loqas to adopt Resolution 2021-16 ending the Local Emergency Declaration of March 23, 2020. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Anderson also stated that included in the packet was a document rescinding the mayor's previous statement and determination regarding conducting meetings by telephone or other electronic means, dated March 23, 2020, to become effective as of Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 11:59 pm, if the mayor chooses to sign it. Mayor Borell stated he would sign it following the adjournment of tonight's meeting.

g. Watering Ban Policy

Deputy Clerk Borell stated that there has been some confusion on the watering ban. Currently there is a permanent watering ban in place the limits watering to odd addresses watering on odd days and even addresses watering on even days. The city discourages water during the peak times of 7 am to 6 pm. Online resources recommend watering from 4 am to 7 am and from 6 pm to 10 pm, and to avoid watering after dark which can promote disease and affect the health of your lawn.

Miscellaneous / Other Business

a. Committee Reports

- Council Workshop – 6/1/2021

Mayor Borell stated that at the workshop the Darek Vetsch presented information regarding the Wright County EDA. Changing the language on the sign at the Maple Lake Beach was discussed, with the possibility of allowing dogs in the picnic area. An alternative sewer plan option for 118 1st St E was discussed.

- Planning Commission Meeting – 6/8/2021

Geyen stated that a Conditional Use Permit was brought before the Planning Commission, it but was tabled until the July meeting. Geyen stated that a discussion was held regarding what defines a parking space, and that the Ordinance does not address a temporary parking space.

- Airport Hangar Inspections – 6/9/2021

Mayor Borell stated that hangar inspections were completed on 6/9/2021 and several were found to not be in compliance with their lease. Borell stated staff needs direction on the letter that is to be sent in

terms of how long of a time period the lessee should be given to bring the hangar into compliance. Borell also asked for clarification on the billing for Jim Shadduck who is running a flight school out of the airport. Logas stated Shadduck was given a grace period for this year and that his billing is to start in January of 2022.

Haack stated that he had spoken with someone regarding a quiet zone for the train. Mayor Borell asked that Haack get the cost in writing from them and give it Deputy Clerk Borell to distribute to the rest of the Council to look at prior to a workshop.

Dates to Remember

- City Council Special Meeting, Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 6:00 pm
- City Council Special Meeting, Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 6:00 pm
- City Council Workshop, Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 6:00 pm
- Planning Commission Meeting, Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 7:00 pm
- City Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 7:00 pm

Adjournment

A motion was m/s/p, Logas/Haack to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. All present voted in favor.

Attest,



Deputy Clerk