

**CITY OF MAPLE LAKE**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES**  
Tuesday, May 4, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER**

The City of Maple Lake City Council Workshop was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Todd Borell.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Todd Borell, Deb Geyen, Brian Fondurulia, John Haack, and Kristin Logas

**Absent:** None.

**Also present:** Sabrina Hille, City Administrator; Dave Anderson, City Attorney; Chuck Boser, City Engineer; Jerry Sawatzke, Public Works Director; Interim Administrator, Dunny Bjorklund Schultz

**SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

Maple Lake School District is wondering if the city would be willing to contribute to their School Resource Officer, since it allows for an additional deputy in the area. The city will consider giving \$10,000 to the school. They will invite Mike Rowe to the next City Council meeting to talk about it before action is taken.

**JERRY SAWATZKE SICK TIME**

At the last workshop City Council directed Administrator Hille to do some more research, on what other cities do for sick leave upon retirement. Hille collected some data from cities that span in a variety of populations. Council was mixed on how they plan to move forward. As they worry this will then cause an issue of future employees asking for the rules to be bent for them. Council is planning to think on it some more, and will decide later with a mix of opinions on pay out of additional hours over the 960 hours.

**MNSPECT**

Scott Qualle was at the workshop to answer any question they might have regarding services. At this point council needs to decide on what services the city would like to move forward with. The contract is currently set up to be able to work off of as many as they want and adjust or add later. At this point staff has just got direction to start the contract to hopefully bring to the May 18<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. Currently staff plans to move forward with building official services, nuisance

enforcement, and erosion control. Later they will look at fire inspections and rental ordinance inspections. Rental inspections would need to wait until an ordinance is in place, and city council needs to decide how in depth they would like this ordinance. Fire inspections will need to be decided after the fire department is involved in that conversation.

### **RENTAL ORDINANCE**

Attorney Dave Anderson provided two different ordinances he has drafted for the City of Kenyon and then Lauderdale. One is more involved with the inspections, the other is more of just a registration system. Council will need to review these both, and find parts they like or do not like so adjustments can be made. The concern from council was protecting tenants and also landlords. If Maple Lake goes with MNSpect as the building official, they are able to service the inspections.

### **NUISANCE PROPERTIES**

Mayor Borell brought up to the council that they need to make a decision on councilmember Haack's properties in town. He thought Dave Anderson had seen the letter that councilmember Haack wrote to the City Council. Once Dave reviews that, council may go into a closed session at the next council meeting discuss.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Interim Administrator – Mayor Borell is hoping to stall on stating Sunny as the Interim Administrator, as he would like staff to meet her and make the decision if they need the help. Haack and Fondurulia both stated that last week they approved, and that it was not brought up at the time of the decision. Staff will meet with Sunny on Tuesday May 11th at 4:30 pm, and city council without Mayor Borell.

Revolving Loan Fund – Councilmember Geyen was wondering if Revolving Loan Payments have been collected again, and they discussed when they would start them back up. City Council will review it at the August or September workshop.

Park Board - Councilmember Geyen was wondering if we had enough members for the Park Board, and currently there is not enough members. They will work on recruiting additional people for the board so they can review items. At this time city council can review items until they have a full board, as the park board just advises and the council makes final decisions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion, m/s/p. Logas/Geyen, to adjourn the City Council Workshop at 8:23 pm. Motion passed.*

Attest,

City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer