

**CITY OF MAPLE LAKE
WRIGHT COUNTY, MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MAPLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
March 3, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order** - The work session was called to order by Mayor Kissock at 6:17 p.m. following the conclusion of the Maple Lake EDA meeting.

Council Members Present: Mayor Lynn Kissock; Councilors: Kris Logas, Scott Chantland, and Lori Hausken were present.

City Staff and Consultants Present: Andrew Johnson, Public Works Director; Cathy Reynolds, Interim City Administrator; Chuck Boser, City Engineer, George Eilertson, Northland Public Finance

2. **Approval of Agenda** – Mayor Kissock announced an amendment to include a staff report as item 6 on the agenda. **Councilor Chantland made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Councilor Hausken seconded the motion. Motion passed. (4-0)**

3. **Business**

- a. **Discussion on Kinetic/Windstream Right of Way Project-** Matt Graham with Kinetic presented information on Kinetic's planning to install fiber in Maple Lake providing an option for residents to connect to a fiber internet service. The company has requested permits to work in the city right of way to install the fiber line.
- b. **2026 Street Improvement Project – Bond Finance Discussion-** Interim City Administrator Reynolds and Northland Public Finance Consultant Eilertson presented information on the financing and bonds for the 2026 Street Improvement project. Council reviewed the current city bonds and discussed options for the structure of the 2026 bond. Council discussed potentially delaying the project for a year. A decision will be made when bids are received at the March 17 council meeting.
- c. **Discussion on Maple Lake Massage Ordinance and Applications-** The council heard a request to amend the massage ordinance to provide an exception for acupuncturists that are licensed by the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice. Council directed staff to bring an ordinance amendment with this exception to a future council meeting.

The council also heard a request to amend the massage ordinance to allow home based businesses to be exempted from the dual license need of a Therapeutic Massage Enterprise License and a Massage Therapist License. The council directed that they wished to keep the requirement for the business license and the individual therapist license.

- d. **Discuss Council Vacancy** – The council discussed the two candidates for the vacant council position, Natt Bougie and Shelly McAlpine.

- e. **Discuss Council Meeting Format** - The council discussed the current meeting format with a work session as the first meeting of the month and a business meeting at the second meeting of the month. Direction was provided to return to two regular meetings a month with work sessions being scheduled as needed to address specific topics.

4. Staff Report.

Interim City Administrator Reynolds provided an update on several items.

- Public Works interviews are scheduled for March 9.
- Building Official interviews are scheduled for March 10
- The Park Board has a vacancy. Applications are being accepted through March 13.
- The Safe Street For All report is continuing to move forward. A steering committee meeting is being scheduled to review and provide a recommendation to forward to council.
- Interim Administrator Reynolds contract is set to expire on March 27, 2026. Council asked that an amendment be brought to the council with an expiration date of December 31, 2026 as an earlier termination is possible when a full-time administrator is hired.
- Staff has started conversations with the payroll provider to determine the ability to automate payroll processing.

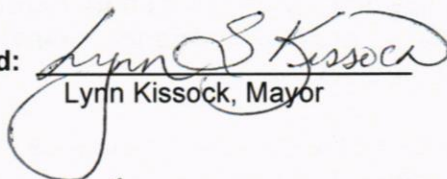
5. Announcements

March 2026 dates to remember:

- March 4, 2026 Maple Lake Airport Commission Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- March 9, 2026 Maple Lake Park Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- March 10, 2026 Maple Lake Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- March 14, 2026 Maple Lake St Patrick's Day Parade
- March 17, 2026 Maple Lake City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

6. **Adjournment – Councilor Chantland made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Logas seconded the motion and the motion passed. (4-0).** The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Approved:


Lynn Kissock, Mayor

Attest:


Cathy Reynolds, Interim City Administrator