

CITY OF MAPLETON
COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Members present: Warner, Vait, Braaten, Annis, and Junior Councilor Walters. Masters absent.

Staff members present: City Clerk Duncanson, Finance Officer Olsen, Police Chief Honsey

Others present: Hannah Hassler-Maple River Messenger, CEDA Robert Harris, Cathy Pluym, Ken Kunz

Mayor Annis called the council meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Mapleton Fire Station

Pledge of Allegiance

All present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Agenda

Councilor Warner moved, and Councilor Braaten seconded to adopt the agenda. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

All Pets Letter and Fire Quarterly Minutes were added to unfinished business.

Councilor Vait moved, and Councilor Braaten seconded to adopt the consent agenda as follows. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

- A. Minutes 1-16-24
- B. Bills totaling \$152,234.09.
- C. Building permits
- D. Dec 2023 Budget info

Community Comment

Ken Kunz requested copies of the agenda be provided at meetings.

Cathy Pluym requested a community center update. City Clerk Duncanson reported that the facility study is still ongoing. Mrs. Pluym has a list of people who are interested in being on a community center committee.

Council Comment

Mayor Annis gave an update on the State of the City event.

Unfinished Business

- A. 2024 Goals

Mayor Annis stated that the council needs to continue to refine their goals.

- B. Department Meetings

City Clerk Duncanson summarized the department meeting plan complete with department reports and touring schedule. Mayor Annis suggested combining more of the facility tours together into one meeting. Councilor Braaten moved, and Councilor Warner seconded to approve the department meeting schedule with modifying the facility visit schedule in the future. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

- C. All Pets Letter

Police Chief Honsey clarified the letter from All Pets was notification that they will no longer hold our impounded animals. Currently there is nowhere else to take impounded animals. He anticipates having a plan for impounded animals in a couple of weeks.

D. Fire Quarterly Minutes

Councilor Vait reported that the fire department thanked the council for the increase in their per meeting/call compensation. He asked if the council should make a decision about pool filling. City Clerk Duncanson reported that she is working on a plan and will bring it to a future meeting for approval.

New Business

A. Resolution 8-2-24 Public Works Promotion

City Clerk Duncanson reported that John Healy passed the water certification. **Councilor Vait moved, and Councilor Warner seconded to adopt Resolution 8-2-24 approving public works promotion of John Healy to grade 6.5 step 4. Roll call vote: Aye: Braaten, Vait, Warner, and Annis. Nay: none. Absent: Masters. Motion carried.**

B. Resolution 9-2-24 Election Judges

The council reviewed the election judge list for the Presidential Nominating Primary on March 5, 2024. **Councilor Braaten moved, and Councilor Vait seconded to adopt Resolution 9-2-24 approving election judges for the presidential nomination primary. Roll call vote: Aye: Braaten, Vait, Warner, and Annis. Nay: none. Absent: Masters. Motion carried.**

C. Resolution 10-2-04 Turn Out Gear

City Clerk Duncanson explained that the fire department would like to use their portion of the state public safety funds to purchase turn out gear. The current turn out gear is expired and in need of replacement. **Councilor Vait moved, and Councilor Braaten seconded to adopt Resolution 10-2-24 approving purchase of turn out gear and boots for Mapleton Fire Department from Heiman Fire Equipment in the amount of \$47,642.00. Roll call vote: Aye: Braaten, Vait, Warner, and Annis. Nay: none. Absent: Masters. Motion carried.**

D. Assessment notice

Finance Officer Olsen explained the situation where Blue Earth County never put the half of the assessment against the property located at 102 First Ave SW for payments starting in 2010. The council requested staff call the property owner prior to sending the letter.

Councilor Vait moved, and Councilor Braaten seconded to adjourn the meeting. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried. Mayor Annis adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Recorded by Sarah Olsen.

Jeff Annis, Mayor

Amber Duncanson, City Clerk