

CITY OF MAPLETON
COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, February 20, 2024

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

Staff members present: City Clerk Duncanson, Finance Officer Olsen, Police Chief Honsey, Public Works Supervisor Chaffee

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

Acting Mayor Vait 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 Masters moved, and Councilor Warner seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of New Business item C Resolution 14-2-24. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Councilor Masters moved, and Councilor Warner seconded to move the Revolving Loan Fund and Building Permit to New Business and adopt the consent agenda as follows. All present voted in favor thereof.

Motion carried.

- A. Minutes 2-6-24
- B. Bills totaling \$163,081.14.
- C. Monthly Department Reports
- D. Mayor Minute

Community Comment

Ken Kunz requested more information about consent agenda items. He also requested a sound system in the council chamber.

Cathy Pluym noted there was mold in the community center. She suggested that the old school property or land near the new school should be purchased for a day care/early childhood center. She also noted that the bushes by the entrance signs needed to be trimmed.

Council Comment

Acting Mayor Vait noted that the flagpole was repaired, and the flag was up at the library.

Committee Reports: Park Board

Acting Mayor Vait asked if there were any questions on the Mapleton Community Parks & Environmental Committee information that was in the packet.

Unfinished Business

- A. Resolution 11-2-24 Sertoma Contract

Acting Mayor Vait explained this is a clarification on the Sertoma responsibilities.

Councilor Warner moved, and Councilor Masters seconded to adopt Resolution 11-2-24 approving the contract with Mapleton Sertoma Club. Roll call vote: Aye: Vait, Warner, and Masters. Nay: none. Absent: Braaten and Annis. Motion carried.

New Business

A. Resolution 12-2-24 Pool Filling

City Clerk Duncanson explained the fire department asked for council opinion if they should continue to fill pools. Included in the council packet was an application process along with rules and fees for pool filling. Public Works Supervisor Chaffee noted that the state auditor does not recommend fire departments fill pools since it is not a benefit to all residents. This would still need to be approved by the townships as they own the tankers. **Councilor Masters moved, and Councilor Warner seconded to adopt Resolution 12-2-24 approving the Mapleton Fire Department to fill pools. Roll call vote: Aye: Vait, Warner, and Masters. Nay: none. Absent: Braaten and Annis. Motion carried.**

B. Resolution 13-2-24

Public Works Supervisor Chaffee explained that well #3 needs regular maintenance. Every ten to twelve years the pump needs to be pulled and inspected. The pump will likely need to be replaced. The city has worked with all three companies who provided a quote. **Councilor Warner moved, and Councilor Masters seconded to adopt Resolution 13-2-24 approving Their Well to inspect and replace pump in Well #3. Roll call vote: Aye: Vait, Warner, and Masters. Nay: none. Absent: Braaten and Annis. Motion carried.**

C. Resolution 14-02-24 Sanitary Sewer Main NW

Public Works Supervisor Chaffee explained the Empire Pipe found a failed gasket when they were cleaning and televising Main Street NW. The quote is to fix the gasket. **Councilor Masters moved, and Councilor Warner seconded to adopt Resolution 14-02-24 approving Empire Pipe to cut out the failed gasket and slip line the sanitary sewer joint. Roll call vote: Aye: Vait, Warner, and Masters. Nay: none. Absent: Braaten and Annis. Motion carried.**

D. Revolving Loan Fund

The council reviewed the flyer for EDA business loans.

E. Building permit

Councilor Warner asked how this relates to other properties. City Clerk Duncanson explained that the Planning and Zoning board met to discuss and approve the structural variance because it meets the characteristics of the neighborhood. Councilor Warner questioned the building size. City Clerk Duncanson explained that the zoning rules were changed to allow buildings to occupy 30% of the property.

Cathy Pluym commented that the city should ask for gambling funds for various items.

Councilor Masters moved, and Councilor Warner seconded to adjourn the meeting. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried. Acting Mayor Vait adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

Recorded by Sarah Olsen.

Jeff Annis, Mayor

Amber Duncanson, City Clerk