

**CITY OF MAPLETON**  
**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Members present:** Maslakow, Christian, Froehlich, and Hollerich. Absent: Warner

**Staff members present:** City Clerk Duncanson, Deputy Clerk Fay, Account Technician Olsen

**Others present:** Koni-Maple River Messenger, Mat Malone, Cindy Wishart, Chelsea Geramo, Lindsey Sharkey, Jenny O'Rourke, Nancy Sohre, Shelly Holt, Jim Heins.

Mayor Hollerich called the council meeting to order at 7:00p.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**

Mayor Hollerich added Item C. Massop Land to Unfinished Buisness

Councilor Maslakow moved and Councilor Froehlich seconded to adopt the agenda as follows. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried

**Consent Agenda**

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

- A. Minutes 11/24/2020
- B. Bills \$96,665.99
- C. Zoning Permits- B. Hawker
- D. South Central Service Cooperative

**Community Comment:**

- None

**Public Hearing: Truth in Taxation-** Mayor Hollerich closed the council meeting and opened the public hearing at 7:03pm. No one was present to discuss the proposed budget and tax levy. Mayor Hollerich closed the public hearing and reopened the council meeting at 7:03pm.

**Public Hearing: Conditional Use Permit-Maple River School-** Mayor Hollerich closed the council meeting and opened the public hearing at 7:13pm. No one was present to discuss the conditional use permit for Maple River School. Mayor Hollerich closed the public hearing and reopened the council meeting at 7:13pm.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. **Resolution 85-12-2020 Final Budget-** Account Technician Olsen explained to the council that the general levy will increase \$21,700 from last year, but there will be no increase to the debt levy. This will mean the city portion will increase anywhere from \$25.80-\$78.72 per household. As far as the budget goes, Olsen said that she had to make some estimates with wages and salaries because of staff changes that will occur in the beginning of January. Olsen then explained the 2021 Transfers and Capital Outlay. **Councilor Froehlich moved and Councilor Maslakow seconded to adopt**

**Resolution 85-12-20 approving the 2021 Budget and Tax Levy for the City of Mapleton. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Froehlich, Christian, Maslakow, Hollerich. Nay: none. Absent: Warner. Motion Carried.**

- B. Approving Conditional Use Permit- Councilor Christian moved and Councilor Froehlich seconded to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the Maple River School. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Froehlich, Christian, Maslakow, Hollerich. Nay: none. Absent: Warner. Motion Carried.**
- C. Massop Land-** The discussion of Massop’s industrial park and Dollar General continued from last council meeting. Mayor Hollerich noted some new developments, including where Massops are at, where MNDOT is at, and the post on the Mapleton Community Members Facebook page. Councilor Froehlich followed the Facebook post and was surprised by the amount of people in favor of Dollar General. Councilor Maslakow stated again that he would like to try to work directly with Massops to get this industrial park built so they do not have to rely on Dollar General. Community members were present again to ask questions and raise concern. Lindsay Sharkey asked what the industrial park will look like long term and Mayor Hollerich answered small manufacturing businesses. Jenny O’Rourke asked why the city is not more focused on developing residential areas in preparation for the new school, and why they are not focusing on supporting the businesses that are already here. Mayor Hollerich answered that there are Duncanson lots still available on the northwest side of town, and there is another lot to be developed on the southwest side of town. As far as supporting businesses, Mayor Hollerich stated that there are small city loans available, and small businesses need to use the Chamber of Commerce and EDA for help. Chelsea Germon asked what the council meant when they said they did not want to be a “no community”. Councilor Froehlich answered that she does not want to stop other businesses from coming to Mapleton because we said no to Dollar General and that with the new school coming, we want to grow our community now more than ever. Mayor Hollerich reiterated that the council is not voting on Dollar General, the vote will be whether they support the road or not, and that decision will not be made at this meeting.

#### **New Business**

- A. Resolution 86-12-20 Library Furnace-** The Mapleton Public Library needs a new furnace. Clerk Duncanson shared that the furnace is 15 years old and would have some hefty repair costs. The cost of a new furnace from Kaduce Plumbing & Heating would be \$4,510. **Councilor Froehlich moved and Councilor Maslakow seconded to adopt Resolution 86-12-20 approving the purchase of a new Library Furnace at a cost of \$4,510. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Froehlich, Christian, Maslakow, Hollerich. Nay: none. Absent: Warner. Motion Carried.**
- B. Santa Claus-** Clerk Duncanson shared that Santa Claus is coming to town on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Santa will be riding a fire truck through town to take socially distanced pictures with anyone who is outside waiting for him.

Councilor Maslakow moved and Councilor Christian seconded to adjourn the meeting. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried. Mayor Hollerich adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Recorded by Sarah Fay, Deputy Clerk

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John Hollerich, Mayor

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Amber Duncanson, City Clerk