

**CITY OF MAPLETON**  
**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
Tuesday December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

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

**Staff members present:** City Clerk Duncanson, Deputy Clerk Fay, Public Works Supervisor Chaffee

**Others present:** Koni-Maple River Messenger, Mat Malone, Cindy Wishart, Judd Schultz, Jason Klein, Jeff Domras, Nancy Sohre and Evan Masters

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**

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

**Consent Agenda**

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

- A. Minutes 12/8/2020
- B. Bills \$97,734.50
- C. Zoning Permits- none
- D. Holiday Light Recycling
- E. Update Police Policy
- F. Update Public Works Description

**Community Comment:**

- None

**Presentation by Judd Schultz, MVAC-** Judd Schultz was present to share with the council an update on the policies and procedures of the Small Cities Development Program. He stated that they are about a month behind where they would like to be, but application packets were sent to eligible households in the primary target area. They will wait about 9 months, then send application packets to the eligible households in the secondary target area. Schultz went into explaining the process after applicants are chosen and the policies that go a long with the program.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. Resolution 87-12-20 Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program-** Judd Schultz asked the council to approve the policies and guidelines for the Small Cities Development Program. **Councilor Froehlich moved and Councilor Warner seconded to approve Resolution 87-12-20 approving the policies and guidelines for the Small Cities Development Program. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Froehlich, Christian, Maslakow, Warner and Hollerich. Nay: none. Motion Carried.**

**B. Dollar General-** Mayor Hollerich noted some updates regarding the potential Dollar General, including emails from other mayors in Minnesota with Dollar Generals, a Facebook post from the Blue Earth Police Department about donations from Dollar General, a letter from the owner of the Maple River Messenger, and emails from other small town grocery store owners with Dollar Generals in their towns. Councilor Warner started the discussion stating that from a legal standpoint, we he is not sure we have the authority to say no. The council should not say no if the road is meeting zoning and state regulations. Councilor Froehlich stated that we are voting on a road, not Dollar General, and that she has already heard of possible properties they are looking into buying outside of town. Councilor Christian asked what the legal ramifications would be if we said no, Clerk Duncanson said she would ask the attorney, but we could get sued. Mayor Hollerich noted that the EDA is having a meeting with a few business owners in town the get their thoughts. Cindy Wishart asked if the EDA would report back to the council, and Mayor Hollerich answered that their intention is to give the council a recommendation. Wishart went on the say that the city should tell Joe Massop that if he genuinely wants an industrial park, she should build the entire road, not just 200-foot access point. Mayor Hollerich stated those are conversations that need to be had with Joe Massop. It was the consensus of the council that they will decide on the Massop Road proposal at the next council meeting, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### **New Business**

**A. Resolution 88-12-20 Detachment of Land-** Mayor Hollerich reminded the council that Mike Goodrich at 1007 Borchert St SW came to a council meeting to express that he wanted to be annexed out of the city because he does not receive city sewer and water. Goodrich has filed a petition to detach his land from the city, and this resolution asks the council if they support or oppose the petition for detachment. Councilor Warner questioned what would happen if someone wanted to put a housing development around this property ten years, if the city limits would just go around this property or if it would be annexed back in. Mayor Hollerich stated it would most likely be annexed back in, but if a housing development is going in, there would be more of a possibility of sewer and water being available. Public Works Supervisor Chaffee wanted to note the services that would no longer be provided to them since they will no longer be in city limits, road grading, snow plowing, garbage and recycling, and city police services. Councilor Froehlich asked if he needs to sign anything stating that he understands we will no longer provide these services; Chaffee answered no he knew before he signed the petition. **Councilor Froehlich moved and Councilor Maslakow seconded to adopt Resoluition 88-12-20 supporting the petition for detachment. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Froehlich, Christian, Maslakow, Warner and Hollerich. Nay: none. Motion Carried.**

**B. Resolution 89-12-20 MNDOT Grant-** Public Works Supervisor Chaffee shared with the council that he is starting the process of applying for a grant from MNDOT for road improvements and needs the council's support. The city could potentially get \$1.25 million for blacktop, concrete, and curb and gutter. Chaffee stated that he will be applying with the intentions of using the money to get Borchert Street done in anticipation of the new school. **Councilor Warner moved and Councilor Christian seconded to adopt resolution 89-12-20 supporting Public Work Supervisor in applying for the MDOT Grant. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Froehlich, Christian, Maslakow, Warner and Hollerich. Naye: none. Motion Carried.**

**C. Resolution 90-12-20 Transfers-** As talked about at the December 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting, Account Technician is proposing four transfer of under budget general fund to capital outlay. **Councilor Maslakow moved and Councilor Froehlich seconded to adopt Resolution 90-12-20 approving the transfers from the general fund to capital outlay. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Froehlich, Christian, Maslakow, Warner and Hollerich. Nay: none. Motion Carried**

**D. Resolution 91-12-20 Child Care Center-** Clerk Duncanson shared with the council that due the 2020 year the Mapleton Child Care Center has had decline in enrollment. The city is in an agreement to fund \$10,000 in 2020 towards operations of the center. **Councilor Christian moved and Councilor Maslakow seconded to adopt resolution 91-12-20 approving the transfer of \$10,000 to the Child Care Center. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Froehlich, Christian, Maslakow, Warner and Hollerich. Nay: none. Motion Carried.**

Mayor Hollerich took a moment to thank Councilor Christian for his 8 years of service on the Mapleton City Council.

Councilor Maslakow moved and Councilor Froehlich seconded to adjourn the meeting. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried. Mayor Hollerich adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Recorded by Sarah Fay, Deputy Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Hollerich, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Amber Duncanson, City Clerk