

CITY OF MAPLETON
COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday August 25th, 2020

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

Staff members present: City Clerk Duncanson, Deputy Clerk Fay.

Others present: Koni-Maple River Messenger, Jeff Annis

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

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Minutes 8/10/2020
- B. Council Workshop Minutes 8/10/2020
- C. Bills \$383,025.47
- D. Zoning Permits- T. Spande, T. Hanson, J. McGregor, B. Honsey, E. Horton, A. Wills
- E. Construction Update
- F. Bolton & Menk

Community Comment:

- None

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business

- A. Resolution 55-08-20 Utility Rates:** City staff is recommending the increase of utility rates to better reflect costs and have funds for potential repairs. Duncanson added that this is just an increase in water and sewer and garbage rates will be adjusted when the new contract is drawn up. **Councilor Froehlich moved and Councilor Warner seconded to adopt Resolution 55-08-20 approving adjusting the utility rates, effective Quarter Four 2020. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Froehlich, Maslakow, Warner, Hollerich. Nay: none. Absent: Christian. Motion carried.**
- B. Grant Application and Grant Policy:** Duncanson shared with the council the grant application and policies for the CARES Act Funds business can apply for.
- C. Resolution 56-08-20 CARES Act Funds:** Mayor Hollerich explained to the council that the city received \$131,832.82 from the CARES Act. The EDA would like to use these funds to give grants to Mapleton business to help with the costs of Covid-19. They plan to send out applications on September 1st with a deadline to return by October 1st. The EDA will review the applications and

disperse grants. Any left-over funds will be used by the city for Covid-19 expenses, and any funds unused by November 15th will be returned to the county. Jeff Annis shared with the council that the Mapleton Area Foundation received the grant of \$10,000 from SMIF and they plan to donate \$3,000 to the food shelf and \$7,000 to the EDA. This grant can be used throughout the Maple River community, and they have a year to use it. Annis figured the SMIF grant could help fill holes the CARES Act funds leaves. **Councilor Froehlich moved and Councilor Warner seconded to adopt Resolution 56-08-20 granting the City Clerk and EDA the authority to give CARES Act Funds to qualifying applicants. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Froehlich, Maslakow, Warner, Hollerich. Nay: none. Absent: Christian. Motion carried.**

- D. Resolution 57-08-20 Transfer of Funds:** Public Works Supervisor Chaffee was notified that Marc Briar is overbooked for sidewalk repair this year and is asking for the \$15,000 budgeted for sidewalk repairs in 2020 to be transferred to capital outlay to be used in 2021. Councilor Warner stated that he would rather see the transfer of funds than the sidewalks not being repaired at all. **Councilor Warner moved and Councilor Maslakow Seconded to adopt Resolution 57-08-20 transferring the 2020 budgeted \$15,000 sidewalk repair funds to capital outlay to be used in 2021. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Froehlich, Maslakow, Warner, Hollerich. Nay: none. Absent: Christian. Motion carried.**
- E. Resolution 58-08-20 Request Reimbursement:** During the project on Scott Court, Holtmeier Construction found that the sanitary sewer for 402 Central Ave N goes through another resident's yard and connects to Scott Court. Duncanson shared that the pipe from the driveway to the house was up to the city's standards, but they had to put in PVC from the resident's driveway to Scott Court. The resident feels that since most of the pipe is not on his property, he should not have to pay for all of it. Duncanson gave the council three options of splitting the costs with the resident, pay 50% (\$1,152.19), 75% (1728.28) or 100% (2,304.38) of the bill. Councilor Warner stated that if he would have been assessed on the project from the beginning, he would have been responsible for a portion of the cost regardless and feels the resident should pay some of it. Mayor Hollerich agreed and added that when Central Ave N has a project, we need to have him connect onto Central rather than connecting through another resident's yard. **Councilor Warner moved and Councilor Froehlich seconded to reimburse the resident at 402 Central Ave N 75% (\$1,728.28) with the amendment that he must move his sanitary sewer when Central Ave N is replaced and will be assessed at that time. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Froehlich, Maslakow, Warner, Hollerich. Nay: none. Absent: Christian. Motion carried.**
- F. Resolution 59-08-20 Mailbox:** Jeff Annis from 303 8th Ave SE was present at the council meeting to request a unit mailbox to be put on 8th Ave rather than returning the traditional mailboxes after the street project. Annis discussed with some of his neighbors and they all agreed that they would prefer the unit mailbox. Duncanson shared that 8th Ave would need two boxes, Scott Court would need one, and the total cost would be approximately \$3,655. She also proposed potentially adding unit boxes to every street project moving forward because they look nicer and are more secure than traditional mailboxes. **Councilor Maslakow moved and Councilor Warner seconded to adopt Resolution 59-08-20 approving the purchase of three mailbox units at an approximate cost of \$3,665.**

Councilor Warner moved and Councilor Froehlich seconded to adjourn the meeting. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried. Mayor Hollerich adjourned the meeting at 7:50p.m.

Recorded by Sarah Fay, Deputy Clerk

John Hollerich, Mayor

Amber Duncanson, City Clerk