

CITY OF MAPLETON
COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday May 19th, 2020

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

Staff members present: City Clerk Duncanson, Deputy Clerk Fay

Others present: Koni Preston-Maple River Messenger, Jon & Cindy Rossow, John Treanor-Zoning Board Chairman.

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 removed item A. Utility Improvements along Highway 22 Cost from Unfinished Business. 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 Councilor Maslakow seconded to adopt the consent agenda as follows. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

- A. Minutes 5/5/2020
- B. Bills \$84,437.21
- C. Zoning Permits- J. Dallmann, J. Augustine, D. Swalve, E. Jaeger, J. Thompson, S. Ertman, J. Whitney, M. Flaughner, S. Shuck, J. Schmidt.

Community Comment:

- None

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- A. Resolution 43-05-20 Covid-19 Preparedness Plan-** Clerk Duncanson brought to the council an updated Covid-19 preparedness plan. She stated that the League of Minnesota Cities had sent this, and it is precautions to keep our employees safe now that city hall is open again. Councilor Froehlich mentioned that it is a good idea, and we should be following what the CDC guidelines. **Councilor Maslakow moved, and Councilor Froehlich seconded to adopt Resolution 43-05-20 approving the Covid-19 Preparedness Plan. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Maslakow, Froehlich Hollerich. Nay: none. Absent: Christian, Warner. Motion Carried.**

- B. Discussion on Business District Ordinance-** Mayor Hollerich explained to the council that the zoning board met to discuss if Jon Rossow can build an attached garage at the property 202 Silver St E. This property is zoned in the business district and according to the ordinance, an attached garage cannot be built. The ordinance states that the 10 houses in the business district cannot make improvements to their house if it extends the life of the house. The original purpose of this ordinance was to eliminate these houses to make room for more businesses. John Treanor, the zoning board chairman, stated that this same building permit has been denied in the past, and according the ordinance, we cannot allow it. Jon Rossow asked if the 10 houses in the business district are not allowed to make improvements, why has the city given out three permits in the last year to homes in

the business district? Mayor Hollerich explained why each of the three permits were approved. Cindy Rossow stated that they would have to driveway of the garage go onto First Ave instead of Silver St. This will not only improve the look of the house; it will also improve the safety. Councilor Maslakow asked if it was realistic for them to think that the houses will be gone and business will fill them, and if that is what the city really wants. It was the consensus of the council to hold a public hearing at the next council meeting and amend the current ordinance for residential properties in the business district.

C. Resolution 44-05-20 City Hall Furnace and A/C- Public Works Supervisor Chaffee obtained a quote from Kaduce Plumbing and Heating for a new furnace and A/C unit for \$8,542. Duncanson shared that they had looking into getting a shared unit between the Muni and City Hall, but it would not have saved any money to do so. **Councilor Froehlich moved and Councilor Maslakow seconded to adopt Resolution 45-05-20 approving a new furnace and A/C unit for City Hall at a cost of \$8542. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Maslakow, Froehlich, Hollerich. Nay: none. Absent: Christian, Warner. Motion Carried.**

D. 5-year Building Maintenance Plan- Duncanson shared with the council that city staff had a meeting to brainstorm how to utilize the city's buildings more efficiently. She and Chaffee came up with a 5-year building maintenance plan. She asked if the council has any ideas on how to better utilize the city buildings to let her know.

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 7:30p.m.

Recorded by Sarah Fay, Deputy Clerk

John Hollerich, Mayor

Amber Duncanson, City Clerk