

# CITY OF MAPLETON COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

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

**Others present:** Jeff Domras-Bolton & Menk, Andrea Johnson, Matt Malone, Erin Clough, Chris Volk, Ryan Ertman

Mayor Hollerich called the council meeting to order at 6:00p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Mapleton Fire Station, the meeting was hosted using GoToMeeting.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

All present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

## **Agenda**

Mayor Hollerich added Volunteers for Playground as Unfinished Business Item B and Splash Pad Opening as New Business Item G.

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

A. Minutes 3/24/20

B. Bills \$85,342.42

C. Zoning Permits- S. Morrow, P. Woodruff, G. Frandle, K. Warling, T. Huber, and G. Dentinger

## **Community Comment:**

- None

**Public Hearing: Bolton & Menk Assessment Hearing-** Mayor Hollerich closed the council meeting and opened the public hearing at 6:05pm. Jeff Domras from Bolton & Menk explained the proposed improvements to Scott Court and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, including estimated costs and timelines. Domras noted that Ryan Ertman's properties at 105 Scott Court NW have been combined to one parcel. He is subject to only be assessed on the property his house is on and eliminate the assessment of \$8,886.29. Matt Malone asked if the tree in his yard would be removed, and if he would have to remove his deck to access the sewer lines to his house. Domras said the tree is very close to where the curb and gutter will be and wasn't sure if it would stay or go, and that moving the deck will be built into the cost if need be. Andrea Johnson asked why the street width was reduced from 35 to 32 on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave SE after the first proposed plan, raised concern about parking during the project, and asked if they have discussed postponing the project due to COVID-19. Mayor Hollerich explained that the council decided to reduce the width to save on cost. Domras assured her the contractor would work out parking and access to properties. Mayor Hollerich said that the council has not discussed postponing the project but explained that it is a part of a five- and ten-year plan. If we were to postpone it, it will cause a ripple effect and push other things back as well. Councilor Warner agreed stating that he doesn't want to interrupt the structured plan, and hopefully by next fall when residents are paying for this project the economy will have recovered. Johnson reiterated saying that this can be a hefty cost, and with the new school coming it can really burden families. Councilor Froehlich agreed with Johnson's concerns by saying that it is a lot of extra expenses but postponing the project could possibly increase the

cost in the long run. Mayor Hollerich asked if there was any other discussion about the assessment, then closed the public hearing and reopened the council meeting at 7:00pm.

- A. Resolution 30-04-20 Adopting Street Assessment-** Domras asked the council to accept the proposed improvements to Scott Court and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, including the elimination of the assessment at 105 Scott Court NW for \$8,886.29. **Councilor Froehlich moved, and Councilor Warner seconded to adopt Resolution 30-04-20 approving the Street Assessment of Scott Court and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Maslakow, Warner, Froehlich, Christian, Hollerich. Nay: none. Motion Carried.**
- B. Resolution 31-04-20 Accepting Bid-** Holtmeier Construction, Inc was the lowest responsible bidder for the proposed improvements to Scott Court and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. The estimated cost is \$1,245,037.34. **Councilor Maslakow moved, and Councilor Warner seconded to adopt Resolution 31-04-20 accepting Holtmeier Construction's Bid of \$1,245,037.34. Roll Call Vote: Aye; Maslakow, Warner, Froehlich, Christian, Hollerich. Nay: none. Motion Carried.**

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- **Town & Country Days-** Clerk Duncanson shared with the council the updates to the park that Town & Country Days requested a donation for. They asked for updated power, at a cost of \$6,600, or extending a sidewalk to the United Church at a cost of \$4,000-\$5000. Duncanson noted that they are unsure if they will postpone or cancel the celebration due to COVID-19. Councilor Froehlich said due to the current economic state and the Municipal being partially closed, we should think more about where the City's funds are going. Councilor Warner agreed with Froehlich stating that it is unrealistic the current state of COVID-19 will be over by Town & Country Days. Councilor Maslakow stated that we can always revisit these updates once things settle down, or next year. Councilor Christian said that both these updates could be done quickly in the event Town & Country days is still on as expected. Mayor Hollerich stated it was the consensus of the council to talk about donating funds to Town & Country Days at a later date.
- **Volunteers for Assembling Playground Equipment-** Public Works Supervisor Chaffee shared with the council that we are scheduled to assemble new park equipment next week, but we would need 25 volunteers to do so. Mayor Hollerich said that with the current stay at home order, we should postpone. Chaffee said that he will try to postpone for later this year, but there is a chance the equipment won't be installed until next year.

#### **New Business:**

- C. Resolution 32-04-20 Enhancements to Park Picnic Tables-** Public Works Supervisor Chaffee requested the purchase of picnic tables for a cost of \$4,800. He also noted that with the sale of the old benches there is an extra \$600 in the fund. Mayor Hollerich noted that we did budget for this cost, but with the current economic state, we should think about deferring this purchase for now. It was the consensus of the council to revisit this purchase once COVID-19 has calmed down. It was the consensus of the council to purchase the picnic tables at a different time.
- D. Resolution 33-04-20 Approving Loan Subordination-** Clerk Duncanson shared with the council that Sharon Shuck has requested to subordinate two loans for the amounts of \$5800 and \$7840.94. The city has already approved the subordination of two of Shuck's other loans. **Councilor Warner moved, and Councilor Christian seconded to adopt Resolution 33-04-20 approving Sharon Shuck's Loan Subordination. Roll Call Vote: Aye; Maslakow, Warner, Froehlich, Christian Hollerich. Nay: none. Motion Carried.**
- E. Resolution 34-04-20 Approving SCBA Filters-**First Assistant Chief Mike Bammert has requested the purchase of self-containing breathing apparatus filters at a cost of \$1,540. Councilor Froehlich

shared notes from Chief Froelich stating that they are reusable and washable and can be worn for fires, grass fires, grain bins, and for the COVID-19 response. Councilor Warner asked if they are worn on the inside or the outside of the mask, Chaffee answered that they are worn outside.

**Councilor Christian moved and Councilor Maslakow seconded to adopt Resolution 34-04-20 approving SCBA Filters. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Maslakow, Warner, Froehlich, Christian Hollerich. Nay: none. Motion Carried**

**F. City Wide Garage Sales-** Clerk Duncanson asked what the council would like to do for city wide garage sales, seeing as they are usually in early May. She suggested having them the week before clean-up day. Councilor Froehlich said she had community members suggest this to her as well, and that hopefully everything will have settled down by then. It was the consensus of the council to postpone city wide garage sales until the week before clean-up day.

**G. Splash Pad Opening-** Chaffee shared with the council that the splash pad is slated to be opened for the season mid-May, but with the stay-at-home order extended until May, he is suggesting we wait to open it until early June. Mayor Hollerich agreed but stated that this situation is fluid and we could possibly open it earlier or later depending on how things unfold in the next couple of weeks. It was the consensus of the council to open the splash pad in early June, subject to change.

Councilor Froehlich moved and Councilor Warner 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

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John Hollerich, Mayor

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Amber Duncanson, City Clerk