

**CITY OF MAPLETON**  
**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Members present:** Froehlich, Malone, Maslakow, Warner, and Hollerich.

**Staff members present:** Clerk Duncanson, Deputy Clerk Moore, Account Technician Sarah Olsen, Police Chief Ben Honsey

**Others present:** Hannah Hassler-Maple River Messenger, Chad Ostermann-M&M Insurance, Steve Current, Ron Swift, Steve Oothout & Jeremiah Miller-CMVA, Brian Lynch

Mayor Hollerich called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Mapleton Fire Department.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Agenda**

Mayor Hollerich added Presentation Steve Oothout from the Combat Veteran Motorcycles Administration and Item E. Resolution 25-04-22 Loan Forgiveness to the agenda under New Business.

Councilor Warner moved, and Froehlich seconded to adopt the agenda with the additions. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda**

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

- A. Minutes 3-22-22
- B. Bills \$67,700.90
- C. Zoning Permits- none
- D. Blue Earth County Public Hearing
- E. Resident Letter

**Community Comment:**

- None

**Public Hearing- Zoning District Change:** Mayor Hollerich closed the meeting and opened the public hearing at 7:02pm. Maple River Holdings, LLC has purchased the old mobile home park at 201 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and is requesting to change the zoning district so they can build a bus garage. It is currently zoned as High Density Residential, and that district doesn't allow this type of business. They are requesting to change it to Highway Business. Steve Current, who lives at 302 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, was present to raise concerns about the rezoning. He stated that the area that is being rezoned doesn't have direct highway access, therefore it should not be able to be zoned as Highway Business. He is also concerned with how the bus garage will look and how it will affect his property value. Mayor Hollerich said that, to his knowledge, Mapleton's City Ordinance did not state that a property had to have direct highway access to be zoned highway business but directed city staff to double check. He also noted that the Zoning Board has approved the rezoning. Brian Lynch from Palmer Bus Service stated that it is their goal to have an aesthetically pleasing building and that most days their operation is done by 4:30pm except for the occasional late activity bus. Mayor Hollerich closed the public hearing at 7:26 and reopened the council meeting.

**Presentation- Chad Ostermann, M&M Insurance:** Chad Ostermann updated the council the city's insurance policy. He stated that there is potential for a discount on the Police and Fire Department's work comp if 90% of each department is nonsmokers. Ostermann asked the council if they'd like to waive the tort limit and purchase the liability umbrella. This is something that the city has been doing for many years. **Councilor Froehlich moved, and Councilor Malone seconded to waive the tort limit and purchase the liability umbrella. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Froehlich, Malone, Maslakow, Warner and Hollerich. Nay: none. Motion Carried.**

**Presentation- Steve Oothoutg, Combat Veteran Motorcycles Administration:** Steve shared with the council a little bit about himself and his background. He introduced Jeremiah Miller and they both explained that they are a part of Combat Veteran Motorcycles Administration (CMVA) and what the organization does for Veterans. They stated that they would like to have a presence in the Mapleton community, so they just wanted to take some time to introduce themselves to the city council. Mayor Hollerich thanked them for their time and service.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- A. Resolution 19-04-22 Rezoning:** After the discussion during the public hearing, the council decided they would like to move forward with the zoning but would like city staff to double check to make sure that the property can be rezoned Highway Business. **Councilor Froehlich moved, and Councilor Warner seconded to adopt Resolution 19-04-22 approving the rezoning of 201 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NE with the caveat that there are no city ordinances that prevent it from being a part of the Highway Business district. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Froehlich, Malone, Maslakow, Warner and Hollerich. Nay: none. Motion Carried.**
- B. Resolution 20-04-22 Immediate Annexation:** Maple River School District is requesting to annex in 10 more acres for the new school. Mapleton Township as already approved the annexation. **Councilor Malone moved, and Councilor Warner seconded to adopt Resolution 20-04-22 approving the annexation. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion Carried.**

#### **New Business**

- A. Resolution 21-04-22 Bartender:** Liquor Store Manager Jake Weise is requesting to hire Stacie Mattison as a part-time bartender. **Councilor Froehlich moved, and Councilor Maslakow seconded to adopt Resolution 21-04-22 approving the hire of Stacie Mattison. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Froehlich, Malone, Maslakow, Warner and Hollerich. Nay: none. Motion Carried.**
- B. Resolution 22-04-22 Picnic Tables:** Public Works has requested to purchase new picnic tables. The new metal tables with plastic coating will be used to replace the old wood picnic tables. The cost of five tables will be \$4,943.75 and has been budgeted for 2022. **Councilor Froehlich moved, and Councilor Malone seconded to adopt Resolution 22-04-22 approving the purchase of picnic tables. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Froehlich, Malone, Maslakow and Hollerich. Nay: none. Motion Carried.**
- C. Resolution 23-04-22 Seal Coating:** Public Works obtained two bids for seal coating: Pearson Bros at \$1.77 per square yard and WW Blacktopping at \$2.50 per square yard. The city has budgeted \$30,000 for seal coating. **Councilor Warner moved, and Councilor Maslakow seconded to adopt Resolution 23-04-22 approving seal coating by Pearson Bros for up to \$30,000. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Froehlich, Malone, Maslakow, Warner and Hollerich. Nay: none. Motion Carried.**
- D. Resolution 24-04-22 Crack Sealing:** Public Works Obtained two bids for crack sealing: Midwest Asphalt at \$1.72 per pound and MP Asphalt at \$1.35 per pound. The city has budgeted \$5,500 for

crack sealing. **Councilor Maslakow moved, and Councilor Malone seconded to adopt Resolution 24-04-22 approving crack sealing by MP Asphalt for up to \$5,500. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Froehlich, Malone, Maslakow, Warner and Hollerich. Nay: none. Motion Carried.**

**E. Resolution 25-04-22 Loan Forgiveness:** Clerk Duncanson explained that Anthony & Lori Gregor are requesting early forgiveness on their two community development loans. A condition of the community loan is that the homeowner must own the property for 15 years. Gregor's loan is set to be forgiven July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Gregor's have paid off the full \$5,386 of loan they needed to pay back. **Councilor Froehlich moved, and Councilor Warner seconded to adopt Resolution 25-04-22 forgiving Anthony & Lori Gregor's loan early. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Froehlich, Malone, Maslakow, Warner and Hollerich. Nay: none. Motion Carried.**

Councilor Froehlich moved, and Councilor Malone seconded to adjourn the meeting. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried. Mayor Hollerich adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Recorded by Sarah Moore, Deputy Clerk

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John Hollerich, Mayor

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Amber Duncanson, City Clerk