

CITY OF MAPLETON
COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday October 4th, 2022

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

Staff members present: Clerk Duncanson, Deputy Clerk Moore, Public Works Supervisor Chaffee

Others present: Hannah Hassler-Maple River Messenger, Sean Farrell, Dan Anderson, Lanny Cox, Jim Swanson, Jeff Annis, Rob McGregor, Bonnie & Karl Klein, Ron Rigdon, Chad & Kim Wilde, Dan Sohre, Karson Duncanson.

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 Item D. Homecoming Parade Route to New Business.

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

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Minutes 9-13-22
- B. Bills \$258,394.49
- C. Zoning Permits- D. Fritz, A. Lee, E. Jeffery, T. Schutte
- D. POST Board
- E. Leaf Vacuum Schedule

Community Comment:

- None.

Request-Maple River School: Maple River School Superintendent Dan Anderson and School Board Members Rob McGregor, Dan Sohre and Karson Duncanson were present to request a variance to install a well on school district property. Anderson stated that they will use the well for irrigation and they feel the one-time cost to install it would be more cost effective than reoccurring water bills. Public Works Supervisor Hunter Chaffee stated that there is a city ordinance that requires properties within city limits to be hooked up to city sewer and water if they are able, and the school property is able. He also noted that the Minnesota DNR and Department of Health will have to approve the installation of the well. He suggested that the city council have a workshop with the school board to discuss conditions and restrictions. It was the consensus of the council to set up a workshop with the school board.

Unfinished Business:

- A. **Library Park Musical Instruments:** After concerns were brought up at a previous council meeting Chaffee tested the musical instruments with the residents and they still think they will be too loud. Chad and Kim Wilde suggested that the musical equipment go to Heritage Park because it is a bigger

park and farther from residential properties. Bonnie Klein stated that there are three options for the musical instruments: they get installed at the library park, they go to the library in Mankato, or they get sent back to England at the expense of the city. She also wanted to note that she had to get two grants and a donation from a Mapleton community member to pay for the instruments and this is her last big project before her retirement, so she would hate to see them go to Mankato. She ordered softer mallets that will hopefully deaden some of the noise and suggested possibly adding something to the bongos to quiet those down as well. Chaffee stated they can do another test when the softer mallets come in. It was the consensus of the council to install the equipment if all parties are satisfied after the test.

New Business

- A. Resolution 65-10-22 Regional Safety Group:** Chaffee stated that the City of Mapleton would like to form a Regional Safety Group along with the cities of Wells and Lake Crystal. This group would host hands on safety training for staff and have mock OSHA inspections. **Councilor Malone moved, and Councilor Warner seconded to adopt Resolution 65-10-22 approving the Regional Safety Group. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Malone, Maslakow, Warner and Hollerich. Nay: none. Absent: Froehlich. Motion Carried.**
- B. Resolution 66-10-22 VFW Park:** Mapleton VFW members Jim Swanson, Lanny Cox, Sean Farrell, and Ron Rigdon were present to discuss concrete work that needs to be done in the VFW Park. Swanson explained that concrete there has settled creating a 2” dip next to the sidewalk and he is concerned that someone will get hurt. In 2011, the City of Mapleton purchased the VFW Park so the VFW feels the city should contribute to some of the cost to repair it. Swanson stated that the VFW can contribute some, they have received donations, but is asking if the city will contribute up to \$2,000. Mayor Hollerich suggested asking the Maple River Chamber to donate some funds as well. **Councilor Maslakow moved, and Councilor Malone seconded to adopt Resolution 66-10-22 approving assisting in concrete work for up to \$2,000 at the VFW Park. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Malone, Maslakow, Warner and Hollerich. Nay: none. Absent: Froehlich. Motion Carried.**
- C. Council Meeting Change:** Clerk Duncanson shared with the council the council meeting changes in November. The council meetings will be November 1st and November 22nd at 7pm at the Mapleton Fire Station.
- D. Homecoming Parade Route:** Clerk Duncanson shared the new Homecoming Parade Route with the council.

Councilor Warner noticed in the paper that a representative from the State of Minnesota was present at Minnesota Lake council meeting to discuss the Highway 22 street project set to begin in the spring of 2023 and questioned why the City of Mapleton hasn't been contacted about it. Chaffee stated that the project will not be within Mapleton City limits because the city opted for an urbanized project in 2031.

Councilor Malone moved, and Councilor Maslakow seconded to adjourn the meeting. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried. Mayor Hollerich adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Recorded by Sarah Moore, Deputy Clerk

John Hollerich, Mayor

Amber Duncanson, City Clerk