

CITY OF MAPLETON
COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday March 7th, 2023

Members present: Malone, Vait, and Warner. Absent: Annis and Braaten

Staff members present: Clerk Duncanson, Deputy Clerk Moore, Police Chief Honsey

Others present: Hannah Hassler-Maple River Messenger

Councilor Warner called the council meeting to order at 4:29 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Mapleton Fire Station.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Minutes 2-21-23
- B. Bills \$284,989.70
- C. Zoning Permits- None
- D. EDA Minutes
- E. Police Year End Report

Community Comment:

- None.

Guest: Chad Ostermann-M & M Insurance: Chad Ostermann was present to share with the council the updates to the city's insurance policy. He stated that insurance business is in a tough spot right now because inflation has caused an increase in premiums. He also noted that the increase in the worker's compensation insurance premium is due to the increased wages in the police department. Ostermann asked the council if they would like to waive the tort limit and purchase the excess liability. **Councilor Vait moved, and Councilor Malone seconded to waive the tort limit and purchase the excess liability. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Malone, Vait and Warner. Nay: none. Absent: Annis and Braaten. Motion Carried.**

Unfinished Business:

- A. **Resolution 10-03-23 Draw Request #6:** Blue Earth County Highway Department has submitted draw request #6 in the amount of \$226,621.38 for the 2022 Street & Utility Improvements. **Councilor Malone moved, and Councilor Vait seconded to adopt Resolution 10-03-23 approving Draw Request #6. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Malone, Vait and Warner. Nay: none. Absent: Annis and Braaten. Motion carried.**

New Business

- A. **Resolution 11-03-23 Shift Differential Pay:** Police Chief Honsey was present to request shift differential pay for his officers. He shared that he has compared the city’s pay to other police agencies in the area and our pay is behind the average. He would like to offer a \$2 per hour increase to hours worked between 5pm and 7am Monday through Friday and any hours worked on the weekend. The total approximate cost to the city in 2023 will be \$8,500 and Honsey would like to reevaluate the shift differential pay prior to 2024. Honsey also noted that the police wages have an approximate \$11,000 savings in 2023 due to an officer being on unpaid leave for 3 months. **Councilor Vait moved and Councilor Malone seconded to adopt Resolution 11-03-23 approving the shift differential pay for the police department. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Malone, Vait and Warner. Nay: none. Absent: Annis and Braaten. Motion Carried.**
- B. **Resolution 12-03-23 Annexation:** Caleb Kaduce is requesting that his 0.3 acre lot next to his tire shop be annexed in to the city. He has already gone to Mapleton Township, and they approved for his parcel to be annexed out. **Councilor Vait and Councilor Malone seconded to adopt Resolution 12-03-23 approving the annexation of the parcel. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Malone, Vait and Warner. Nay: none. Absent: Annis and Braaten. Motion Carried.**
- C. **Workshops:** A workshop with community boards is scheduled for Tuesday March 21st, 2023, at the Mapleton Fire Station at 5pm to discuss community goals for 2023. A council workshop is scheduled for Tuesday March 28th, 2023, at the Mapleton Fire Station at 4:30pm to discuss setting goals and getting organized.

Councilor Malone moved, and Councilor Vait seconded to adjourn the meeting. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried. Councilor Warner adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

Recorded by Sarah Moore, Deputy Clerk

Jeff Annis, Mayor

Amber Duncanson, City Clerk