

Minutes – Special Council Meeting
January 17, 2019, 5:30 p.m.

The City Council of Mapleton, Iowa, met in special, open session on January 17, 2019, at City Hall. Mayor Donna Shaw called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Mayor Shaw, Dian Bleil, Tom McNamara, Benita Uhl, Dr. Curtis Hesse and Phil McGarr. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Dian Bleil, second by Phil McGarr, to approve the agenda. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Budget workshop scheduled for tonight was the first agenda item. Each council member had received a spreadsheet for all funds and departments with the past history and first six months of activity. Each line item was addressed with amounts entered. This will be discussed with Dave Radke and he will help determine the final budget figures and present to the council.

Chief Clausen reported that they tested four applicants on Saturday, January 12 for police officer. One applicant passed all required tests that were given. This applicant is also eligible to complete the short course in Sioux City or Waterloo to be certified instead of the long course. He would be certified sooner at much less cost. He is aware that he will be required to move to Mapleton after passing the academy and being certified. If he accepts the position he will then be given the psychological test. Motion by Dr. Curtis Hesse, second by Phil McGarr to offer a full-time police officer position to Caleb Creech with an annual salary of \$40,000.00, offered single health insurance with his contribution being \$100.00 per month and be required to sign a contract after graduating the academy regarding employment requirement and reimbursement for training. Ayes: Dian Bleil, Phil McGarr, Dr. Curtis Hesse, Tom McNamara. Nay: Benita Uhl. Motion carried.

Water and sewer rates will be reviewed more at the February meeting after final budget figures are entered and figured to determine what the rate increases should be and after also discussing this with Dave Radke.

An update on 318 Main Street was given by the Clerk. The property was deeded to the City of Mapleton by JW Voigt on Friday, January 11, 2019 after a new title and lien search was completed. Clerk has called Scott Flagg with Iowa DNR regarding the possibility of asbestos in the building and how to proceed due to the building also being compromised and not sure if it is safe to enter. Clerk also called Doug Rose with Bacon Creek Engineering about conducting a structural assessment but he is on vacation until January 22.

Motion by Benita Uhl, second by Dian Bleil to proceed and have Doug Rose with Bacon Creek Engineering conduct an assessment of the property at 318 Main Street to determine if it is structurally sound and safe to enter for an asbestos inspection and possible removal. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Dian Bleil, second by Tom McNamara to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Donna Shaw, Mayor

Attest: Karla Uhl, City Clerk
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