

Minutes – Regular Council Meeting
January 9, 2019, 5:30 p.m.

The City Council of Mapleton, Iowa, met in regular, open session on January 9, 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 and Phil McGarr. Absent: Dr. Curtis Hesse. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Dian Bleil, second by Benita Uhl to approve the minutes from the previous meetings. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Phil McGarr, second by Tom McNamara, to approve the agenda. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

The employee's health insurance renews February 1, 2019. The original renewal was 7.99% but due to some changes with children coming off the renewal was now 2.8%. Motion by Phil McGarr, second by Dian Bleil to approve the health insurance renewal which reflects a 2.8% increase. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Mike Hahn reported on the crew's activities during the month. They have been cleaning at the shop and have repaired the swimming pool benches. Mike asked if the development group had approached the city regarding a splash pad. They do not have estimates at this time. Some splash pads are not able to re-use water. Mike was concerned that the splash pad would require more chemicals and lose water temperature.

Phil McGarr reported on behalf of MCDC that they are continuing to work on their projects.

Chief Clausen reviewed his reported and yearly stats from the county. He had 57 arrests for the year which was the third most in the county, 14 of those were felonies.

Advertising for pool manager and mower position was discussed and the content of what should be in the ads. Pool opening and closing dates were addressed and seem to be an issue especially at the end of the season due to lifeguards not be available to work. Mike Hahn stated that he could use someone to mow by mid-April. Motion by Phil McGarr, second by Dian Bleil to approve advertising for pool manager and mower position with requirement to open the pool Memorial weekend and mower position to start mid-April with applications due March 11, 2019. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Dian Bleil, second by Phil McGarr to approve the first reading of Ordinance 450 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mapleton, Iowa by Amending Section 66.03 Entitled Trucks Prohibited – Main Street. Ayes: Phil McGarr, Tom McNamara, Dian Bleil, Benita Uhl. Motion carried.

Motion by Dian Bleil, second by Phil McGarr to approve waiving the second and third reading and adopting Ordinance 450 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mapleton, Iowa by Amending Section 66.03 Entitled Trucks Prohibited – Main Street. Ayes: Benita Uhl, Dian Bleil, Tom McNamara, Phil McGarr. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom McNamara, second by Phil McGarr to approve the engineer's opinion of the 2019 overlay project and proceed with plans and specifications as proposed. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Mayor Shaw presented information regarding hiring of code enforcement officer. The City of Onawa has recently hired an individual for their city. She asked the council to review the information for consideration and this will be placed on the February agenda.

Jared Clausen reported that they will be testing four applicants on Saturday for police officer position. Oral interviews will be conducted with a recommendation brought back to the council at the February meeting or a special meeting.

Budget workshop was set for January 17, at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Benita Uhl, second by Dian Bleil to approve passage of Resolution 2019-1 Appointing City Attorney and City Clerk. Ayes: Phil McGarr, Tom McNamara, Dian Bleil, Benita Uhl. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom McNamara, second by Benita Uhl to approve passage of Resolution 2019-2 Regarding Fiscal Policies. Ayes: Benita Uhl, Dian Bleil, Tom McNamara, Phil McGarr. Motion carried.

Motion by Benita Uhl, second by Phil McGarr to approve passage of Resolution 2019-3 Records Custodian. Ayes: Tom McNamara, Phil McGarr, Benita Uhl, Dian Bleil. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom McNamara, second by Dian Bleil to approve passage of Resolution 2019-4 Designating Depositories for Public Funds. Ayes: Dian Bleil, Benita Uhl, Phil McGarr, Tom McNamara. Motion carried.

Mike Schmiedt has called Casey's corporate office regarding truck parking in their parking lot with no response. No further action will be taken unless noise or nuisance complaints are received.

The City of Mapleton does own the property at 613 Sioux Street due to the abandoned property procedures. Andrew Friedrichsen was present to show interested in owning the property and getting it cleaned up. Motion by Tom McNamara, second by Phil McGarr to direct Mike Schmiedt to get information together for the city to sell the property and their options in doing so. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

The property at 318 Main Street owned by JW Voigt had been filed on for abandoned property. After that procedure had begun the south wall of the building collapsed and was red-tagged. The attorney for JW Voigt has asked the city for a detailed list of repairs that the city would require to be completed. Mayor Shaw and Mike Hahn will get this list.

Alan Towne court order of 60 days will expire on January 27, 2019. Council reported that they have not completed any clean-up. Mike Schmiedt will need new pictures to proceed.

When the audit reported was present from Dave Radke he suggested reviewing water and sewer rates. Council asked to have reports printed projecting a 2% and 3% increases for them to review when budgeting.

The insurance company for the truck driver that damaged the traffic lights has offered \$70,000.00 settlement. The adjuster for the City has recommended accepting this offer. Motion by Tom McNamara, second by Phil McGarr to approve accepting the settlement offer for the damage done to the traffic lights last spring. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Dian Bleil, second by Benita Uhl to approve payment of the bills as presented. Ayes: All. Abstain: Tom McNamara. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom McNamara, second by Benita Uhl to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Donna Shaw, Mayor

Attest: Karla Uhl, City Clerk
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