

**CITY OF MAPLETON**  
**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
Tuesday, March 6, 2024

**Members present:** Warner, Vait, Masters, and Junior Councilor Walters. Absent Braaten and Annis.  
**Staff members present:** City Clerk Duncanson, Finance Officer Olsen, Police Chief Honsey, Public Works Supervisor Chaffee  
**Others present:** Hannah Hassler-Maple River Messenger

Acting Mayor Vait called the council meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Mapleton Fire Station

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Agenda**

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

**Consent Agenda**

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

- A. Minutes 2-20-24
- B. Bills totaling \$149,719.19.
- C. Zoning Permits
- D. January Finance Report
- E. Police Department year-end report
- F. Department Meeting Minutes

**Community Comment**

No one was present for Community Comment.

**Council Comment**

Acting Mayor Vait read a statement from Mayor Annis thanking the retired firefighters who were recently recognized at a ceremony.

**Facility Tour: Public Works Shop**

Acting Mayor Vait recessed the meeting at 4:33 p.m. for a tour of the public works shop. The council reconvened at the public works shop. Public Works Supervisor Chaffee gave a guided tour of the public works shop and discussed equipment and building needs with the council. Public Works staff was pleased to announce the new public works truck had a “born date” of 3-4-2024. Acting Mayor Vait recessed the meeting at 4:58 p.m. and reconvened the council meeting at 5:03 p.m. in the council chambers at the fire station.

**Unfinished Business**

A. Resolution 15-03-24 Crack Sealing

Public Works Supervisor Chaffee explained that he had obtained two quotes for sealcoating city streets. The city has worked with both of the companies in the past. This is for bi-annual seal coating due to cost

savings for a larger amount of work and also less mobilization costs. **Councilor Masters moved, and Councilor Warner seconded to adopt Resolution 15-03-24 approving the seal coating quote from Pearson Brothers. Roll call vote: Aye: Vait, Warner, and Masters. Nay: none. Absent: Braaten and Annis. Motion carried.**

#### **New Business**

##### **A. Resolution 16-03-24 Speed Trailer**

Police Chief Honsey asked if there were any questions about the information that was in the council packet. The speed trailers quoted work in both 30 mph and 55 mph zones and meet the county and state guidelines. Police Chief Honsey felt that the lower priced speed trailer will meet the city's needs. **Councilor Masters moved, and Councilor Warner seconded to adopt Resolution 16-03-24 approving purchase of a speed trailer from All Traffic Solution using ARPA funds and any donations the city may receive from the Mapleton Area Foundation and the Mapleton Chamber of Commerce. Roll call vote: Aye: Vait, Warner, and Masters. Nay: none. Absent: Braaten and Annis. Motion carried.**

##### **B. Resolution 17-03-24 Police Department Retention Bonus**

Police Chief Honsey explained he would like to use the public safety money for retention bonuses. He explained the options that had been discussed at the police department meeting. The purpose is to retain officers and make wages comparable to other cities our size. **Councilor Masters moved, and Councilor Warner seconded to adopt Resolution 17-03-24 approving police retention bonus option #1. Roll call vote: Aye: Vait, Warner, and Masters. Nay: none. Absent: Braaten and Annis. Motion carried.**

##### **C. Resolution 18-03-24 All Pets Impound Agreement**

Police Chief Honsey explained there were no other options for animal impoundment when All Pets ends the current contract on March 31<sup>st</sup>. He requested approval of the new agreement with All Pets. There would be no more cat impounds except in extreme circumstances. There is an additional clause that a dog would need to be microchipped before released. Police Chief Honsey is working with All Pets to hold a microchipping event at a reduced rate. **Councilor Warner moved, and Councilor Masters seconded to adopt Resolution 18-03-24 approving All Pets impound agreement. Roll call vote: Aye: Vait, Warner, and Masters. Nay: none. Absent: Braaten and Annis. Motion carried.**

##### **D. Resolution 19-03-24 Amendment to Law Enforcement Services Agreement**

Police Chief Honsey explained the amendment to the Amboy contract due to how dogs are impounded according to the new agreement with All Pets. He did not foresee any issues with the City of Amboy approving. **Councilor Warner moved, and Councilor Masters seconded to adopt Resolution 19-03-24 approving amendment to Law Enforcement Services Agreement. Roll call vote: Aye: Vait, Warner, and Masters. Nay: none. Absent: Braaten and Annis. Motion carried.**

##### **E. Resolution 20-03-24 Portable Radio**

Police Chief Honsey explained that new radios were purchased due to the new encryption. Only a minimum of four radios were purchased at that time. He is requesting the purchase of an additional radio as a backup. **Councilor Masters moved, and Councilor Warner seconded to adopt Resolution 20-03-24 approving purchase of a portable radio for the police department. Roll call vote: Aye: Vait, Warner, and Masters. Nay: none. Absent: Braaten and Annis. Motion carried.**

##### **F. Resolution 21-03-24 Warning Siren**

Police Chief Honsey explained that after the new school was built, a resident complained that they could not hear the tornado siren in the southwest portion of town. He investigated and found out that the siren could be heard outdoors. The purpose of the siren is to warn people who are outside, not the ones in a building. However, there was found to be a sound deficit at the new ball fields south of the new school building. Since it will take staff time to investigate this issue further and to work with the school for location and

installation, Police Chief Honsey asked the council to give direction if to move forward with a second tornado siren. If the council wishes to move forward with this project, staff will request the use of ARPA funds for the purchase and installation of second siren. Councilor Warner asked if the sound would be different than the current siren. Police Chief Honsey noted that it may sound different. Police Chief Honsey noted that this would mainly be for activities south of the school building and future city growth in that area. **Councilor Masters moved, and Councilor Warner seconded to adopt Resolution 21-03-24 directing the seal coating quote from Pearson Brothers. Roll call vote: Aye: Vait, Warner, and Masters. Nay: none. Absent: Braaten and Annis. Motion carried.**

Councilor Warner asked if there was update on the letter that had been sent to all of them. City Clerk Duncanson replied that she requested the resident to submit a formal request to the council and to attend a council meeting. No further response has been received from the resident.

**Councilor Masters moved, and Councilor Warner seconded to adjourn the meeting. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.** Acting Mayor Vait adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Recorded by Sarah Olsen.

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Jeff Annis, Mayor

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Amber Duncanson, City Clerk