

MINUTES
MAPLE PLAIN CITY COUNCIL – WORKSHOP
MAPLE PLAIN CITY HALL
March 26, 2018
5:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Maas-Kusske called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Cahill, seconded by Councilmember Broda, to adopt the agenda. Motion passed, 4-0.

Present: Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske, Councilmembers Dominic Broda, Caitlin Cahill, and Mike DeLuca. Also Present: City Administrator Robert Schoen, City Attorney John Thames, and Assistant to the City Administrator Nicole Kathman.

Absent: Councilmember John Fay

3. ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO IN THE PARKS

City Administrator Schoen introduced the topic stating that the direction from last workshop was to table this topic to discuss different options. Schoen stated that City Staff does not have a recommendation, but the City Code needs to reflect the decision made.

City Council discussed three main options for the alcohol park ban as laid out by City Attorney Thames which were keep the ban, remove the ban, or ban it under certain conditions. City Council discussed banning only large quantities. During the discussion all Councilmembers agree on banning large quantities, but there were mixed opinions on individual quantities. The option of allowing alcohol only by permit was discussed including a permitted seller. As noted by City Administrator Schoen the issue is that the cost of insurance is more than the profit of selling.

One concern with keeping the ban entirely was police enforcement of town baseball games as it has not been enforced in full in the past.

City Council decided to keep the banning of Alcohol in City parks in the City Code and Tobacco Free parks as a City policy. City Council would like City Staff to put up signage that and put an article in the Spring 2018 newsletter.

4. SETTING MEETINGS

City Administrator Schoen stated there are multiple meetings outside of regular meetings that need to be set which include the Human Resources Training, a public gathering for Parkview and Maple Ridge Drive, and a public gathering for the Comprehensive Plan. Schoen stated that there needs to be a procedure in place to establish meeting dates and proposed that for each meeting three dates will be sent and the date with the most available Councilmembers (with quorum) will be the meeting date. City Council agreed with the new procedure.

City Council discussed how to make their meetings more efficient. Ideas such as having a time range for each topic was discussed. City Council came to an understanding that it is appropriate to ask to move on to the next item if the discussion is repetitive, but it is a group decision.

5. CITY ADMIN REVIEW GOALS

City Administrator Schoen shared the goals that he drafted for himself after his review as directed by City Council.

City Council discussed the goals he drafted. City Council envisioned goals that worked towards self-development and included both specific strategies and topic areas. City Council directed City Administrator Schoen to bring back a second draft of goals to the next workshop.

6. CITY ADMINISTRATOR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

7. CITY ADMINISTRATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

City Administrator Schoen shared that the City is meeting with Hennepin County on April 4 to discuss a controlled intersection on Highway 12.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

The City Council discussed recruitment for commissions. City Staff is going to begin with putting together an EDA member description before working on citizen appointments to other commissions.

The City Council discussed the possibility of reducing the frequency of Administrative Reports at City Council meetings. This will be brought to a future workshop for further discussion.

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT WORKSHOP

Councilmember Cahill requested to discuss holding a Coffee with the Council at a future workshop. Mayor Maas-Kusske added the Social Media report will be on the agenda at the next workshop.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Broda, seconded by Councilmember DeLuca, to adjourn the workshop. Motion passed, 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

**Nicole Kathman
Assistant to the City Administrator**