

January 5, 2026

The regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor Mike Sevcik. Present from the council were Tom Boeck, KC Reuter, Gina Massop, and Tiffany Sevcik. Also present were Tamara Dicks, Patty Smith, Don Wolters, Chris Kruse, Bruce Ward, Trevor Austin (Bollig), and Peter Benton.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Boeck to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2025, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills: M Sevcik questioned drive shaft and shocks – were for the green pickup and MPI bill skid loader – help in park. A motion was made by T Sevcik and 2nd by Reuter to approve the bills.

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Smith had an additional bill for City of Mapleton \$20,377.00 Motion carried unanimously.

Community Comment: None

Public Hearing: The regular meeting was closed, and the public hearing was opened for rescinding Ordinances 136 Fee Schedule and Ordinance 148 Annexation. No comments from the public and hearing was closed.

Regular meeting was opened. The fee schedule will be changing to a resolution to make it easier to update annually. The annexation ordinance was not needed when it was filed with the State of MN, their records show this property was already in city limits since 1961. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Massop to rescind Ordinances 136 and Ordinances 148. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2026 – 1 Adopting Fee Schedule: New fees were added for the cannabis registration/renewal, chicken permit, boulevard improvements, and copies was increased. A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by Boeck to approve Resolution 2026 – 1 Fee Schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing: The regular meeting was closed, and the public hearing was opened on Ordinance 96 Private Use of City Boulevards and Unopened Right of Way. No comments from the public and hearing was closed and regular meeting was opened.

Ordinance 96 Private Use of City Boulevards and Unopened Right-of-Way: This ordinance will clarify that homeowners are responsible for boulevards which would include mowing and tree removal. Residents will need a Boulevard Permit approved prior any planting trees, plants, or retaining walls, etc. on the boulevard. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by T Sevcik to approve Ordinance 96. Motion carried unanimously.

Bollig: All underground work is done for South St W extension. They will be back in May. Pay application #2 submitted. A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by T Sevcik to approve pay application #2 for \$66,662.72. Motion carried unanimously.

2 bids were received for the water treatment upgrade with the low bid from Wapasha Construction for \$1,300,000.00. Now that we have the bids, it will be submitted to PFA for funding approval. We should know at the February meeting what funding is approved so council will be able to approve the bid.

Storm Drain meeting was held with attorneys on December 18; we should have more information in a few months on the city's options.

We need to have a public hearing to finalize the water plant funding and award the project at the February meeting, if council is okay with the approved funding. The public hearing would be to inform the residents where the money is coming from for the water project and discuss infrastructure funding from MN Deeds Small City and MN Public Facilities Authority and USDA Rural Development. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by T Sevcik to have a public hearing at next council meeting to discuss the infrastructure project with MN Deed Small Cities, MN Public Facilities Authority and USDA Rural Development. Motion carried unanimously.

Committees and Other Designations: Council is okay with current committee assignments.

Official Paper: Maple River Messenger

Sewer/Water Committee: M Sevcik & Boeck

Personal Committee: Massop & M Sevcik

Audit Committee: The Entire Council

Police Commission: Boeck & T Sevcik

Complaint Committee: Reuter & Massop

Acting Mayor: Tom Boeck

Fire Dept. Committee: Reuter & Massop

Sidewalk & Park Committee: Reuter & T Sevcik

Official Depositories: Community Bank

Mileage Paid for 2026: IRS has set it at 72.5cents

Investments: 4M

A motion was made by T Sevcik and 2nd by Boeck to approve the committees and designations for 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Schedule 2026: Massop will not be at April 6 meeting. Trying to reschedule has conflicts for other council. Meeting schedule will stay as it is for now.

Reports: Moving of snow was done very well. Trucks are running better. Kruse requested a cot/bed for the back room, for when he needs to stay overnight. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Massop to approve up to \$500.00 for some type of sleeping apparatus. Motion carried unanimously.

Income Level for Reduced Sewer & Garbage: Last increase was in 2024 to \$21,000. A motion was made by Boeck and 2nd by Massop to increase the income level to \$23,000 in 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Complaint Committee: Committee met on December 8 regarding the fence. Complainant misunderstood the setbacks that were approved. No further action is needed at this time. A

motion was made by Boeck and 2nd by T Sevcik to approve the complaint committee's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Pay: Discussion was had on which committees should receive extra pay and the dollar amount. A motion was made by Boeck and 2nd by T Sevcik that any officially posted meeting (Examples - Fire Dept, Complaint, Special)for committees will receive the special meeting rate of \$20.00 per meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Contract: A motion was made by T Sevcik and 2nd by Massop to approve an annual attorney contract with Frundt, Lundquist & Gustafson. Motion carried unanimously.

Maple River Chamber: The chamber is expanding its area and includes every city that has children at the Maple River School system. Council said we could contribute for the year to show the support but would not need a member to go to the meetings. A motion was made by T Sevcik and 2nd by Reuter to pay \$50.00 dues for 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous: Boeck expressed his thanks for the snow removal. Reuter expressed his and the council members condolences to the Tim Pahl family; Tim was an employee of the city for the past 10 years and we are saddened at his passing away.

Annual audit is being held January 5 – 6. Next council meeting will be February 2, 2026.

Motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Boeck to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Sevcik, Mayor

Council

ATTEST:

Patty Smith, Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer