

Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Meeting was called to order by President Scott Millner at noon on October 3, 2018 at Bethlehem United Church of Christ. Introductions were made. There were 23 businesses present. Current membership is at 81.

Secretary's Report by Nick Pawlenty: A motion was made by Mark Redemske and second by Paul Manuel to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Kathy Hennen: Balances in the following accounts were read as follows: General account \$12,920.86, Gear-Head account \$16,135.29, Lord Abbett Investment \$24,005.80, Ambassador checking \$2,765.48 and Ambassador Savings \$2,501.75. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Paul Manuel and second by Tiffany Grube. Motion carried.

Government Report by LeeAnn Yager: The city council toured the new library and commented on the nice job they are doing.

The council approved the preliminary budget and levy. The proposed tax rate would decrease by .5%. Residential property values increased about 5% and commercial and non-resident increased by 1%. There has been a discussion on mini storage. There was a public hearing on if they should be allowed by conditional use permit. The planning commission voted to allow them in the I-1 district. The council had more discussion and will be voting at their next meeting, but the consensus is to allow them in the I-1 District.

At the workshop, Christmas lights were discussed. The poles that could be used are scattered around town and are not preferable and would need electricity ran to them for an approximate \$800. Other options include hanging decorations without lights, light four poles by the park on Division and will talk with Christmas Tree decorator for ideas.

The council approved a development contract with Cedar Lake Engineering for an expansion of their site. The city entered into a grant agreement for a new fuel facility payment terminal at the airport since the old one is not as useful.

They passed a resolution opposing the sale of stronger beer, wine and liquor in grocery and convenience stores.

School Report by Mark Redemske: Homecoming week is upon us and is in full swing. Homecoming King and Queen are Zach Cargill and Brielle Paumen.

New scoreboards were being put in replacing the old ones at the school on October 3.

A new website for the school has been released.

The safety grant the school applied for unfortunately did not land on them. A couple of area schools did receive it though.

Celeste- October 27 is the school Halloween Carnival.

Tiffany- Check website for new dates of upcoming events.

A new playground was put in at Maple Lake for the some of the younger students.

Old Business: The Christmas Tree will be bought and put up again this year next to the Messenger. The Chamber has earmarked up to \$700 for the tree and lights.

New Business: Business Trick or Treat: If participating businesses would like to be placed in the ad running later in October, they must sign up before October 19.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Kathy Hennen and second by Lorie Hagle to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

After the adjournment, guest speaker Greg Peters from Seaton Law gave an hour presentation on the top five things to audit in the workplace for 2018.

Our next noon meeting is November 7th at the American Legion