

Maple Plain Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Maple Plain City Hall, January 21, 2025 4:00 PM

Call to Order

The Maple Plain Fire Commission meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Commissioner Julie Maas-Kusske.

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Julie Maas-Kusske, Commissioner Brad Spencer, Commissioner Steve Grotting and Commissioner Andrew Burak.

Staff Present

City Administrator Jacob Kolander, City Administrator Mark Kaltas, Director of Public Safety Gary Kroels, and Fire Chief Rick Denneson.

Meeting Details

Adopt Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Burak, motion carried 4-0

Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Maas-Kusske.

- Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2024

Olde Business

Fire Merger

- Chief Denneson gave an update on the Fire Merger Meetings with Chief Luer. On December 9th, Troy and Chief Denneson went and discussed PERA Retirement. Chief Luer had questions about our budget for 2024. Luer is going to start putting their budget with ours to see how that will work. We want to bring back the other groups to see how operations will work together.

Grass Rig Update

- Polaris is in service and conducted training the second week of January.

New Business

Chief's report

- Chief Denneson gave update on calls for 2024 was 370, Highest they have ever had.
- Chief Denneson will hold two interviews for fire fighters during the week of 1/20/25.

Replacing Chief's Tahoe

- If the Fire Merger occurs, the Chiefs vehicle will remain in Maple Plain.
- There is a recommendation to conduct a capital improvement plan for the fire department.
- A motion to approve the purchase of the Tahoe to replace the old Chiefs vehicle was made by Commissioner Burak, seconded by Commissioner Spencer. Motion carried 4-0.

Lighting project

- Chief Denneson gave an update on the lighting project at the Fire Department Building.

Financial Update

- Chief Denneson gave an update on the final 2024 Fire Partnership Fund.

Additional Topics

2025 Awards Ceremony Date: April 7, 2025 hosted at City of Independence.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Burak, seconded by Commissioner Spencer. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 PM.

I, the undersigned, Jacob Kolander, City Administrator in and for the City of Maple Plain, Minnesota, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JK' followed by a long horizontal stroke.