

**AGENDA
MAPLE PLAIN CITY COUNCIL – WORKSHOP
MAPLE PLAIN CITY HALL
JANUARY 26, 2015
5:30 PM**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ADOPT THE AGENDA**
- 3. QUIET ZONE DISCUSSION**
- 4. OTHER ISSUES**
 - A. Update on 5210 Main Street Property**
 - B. Public Works Temporary Position**
 - C. Downtown Development Update**
 - D. Lake Sarah Pioneer Creek Watershed Update-Councilmember DeLuca**
- 5. ADJOURNMENT**

Memorandum

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Tessia Melvin, City Administrator
Date: January 26, 2015
Re: Quiet Zone Ordinance

BACKGROUND

Councilmember Maas-Kusske was contacted by a resident, about adding quiet zones to the City of Maple Plain. The resident suggested a No Train Whistle ordinance between 10 pm and 6 am.

With prior knowledge of adding quiet zones to cities, I am aware that we would need to do study of the railroad within Maple Plain and its street crossings. This would cost an estimated \$4,000. The study would identify what improvements must be made in order to accommodate a quiet zone. These expenses would be paid for by the City of Maple Plain.

I contacted the Council notifying them of the request and asked if there was any past history I should be aware of. The following items were raised by Councilmembers:

- The City previously looked at adding quiet zones in 2013 and at that time estimates showed the City would be need to make improvements in the amount of \$100,000 to \$150,000, which would include an improved crossing and street improvements.
- Bryant Street would be turned into a right in and right out.
- In 2013 business owners and the residents spoke with the Council and stated that these improvements were not acceptable. The Council did not pursue this project due to the lack of support and high project estimates.
- The improvements would hinder the access to Oak Street and Bryant Street, which was not supported in the past.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is looking for Council recommendation on how they would like staff to pursue this issue.